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Northern Marianas College interim president Lorraine Cabrera, fourth from right, and NMC staff members take time to pose for a group photo at a recent Coffee Connection breakfast. Coffee Connection is an event where the NMC campus community meets to take a short break and enjoy the occasional breakfast with fellow coworkers and other people in the NMC community, and to "connect over coffee.

» Twin investigations confirm changing of students' grades, other allegations

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

fter more than four hours of deliberation, the ■ Board of Regents fired Northern Marianas Col-

lege president Dr. Carmen Fernandez yesterday, citing the results of two investigations that confirmed allegations against Fernandez her, including



the unauthorized changing of students' grades.

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OPA decision may pave way for PR dump closure » But GPPC poised to ask

court to stop govt from awarding the contract

By HAIDLE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com

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A backhoe operator works on the Marpi landfill, which started operating when the Puerto Rico dump stopped accepting trash in 2003. Due to procurement protests and appeals, the final closure of the Puerto Rico dump has yet to begin.
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300-plus notices of work hour cuts out ees of the Executive Branch and more are being prepared as » Senator the CNMI gov-

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pushes for duce work hours were issued yesterday with lower revinctusion of top officials in wage cuts

> time, Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) pre-filed vesterday three legislative initiatives seeking to amend the Constitution to lift the salary cut exemp-

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2010 Census crews fan across NMI to collect forms

By WALTER J. SUTHERLAND walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com

Enumerator crews began collecting 2010 Census questionnaires on April 1, 2010, and the Local Census Office wants to recognize the positive cooperation of the public, media, various organizations, businesses, schools, and the CNMI government.

"The responses from all residents that have been visited have been very positive.

Residents are even calling in to inform the office that they already completed the Advance Census Report form they received in their post office box," said CNMI Census media coordinator Kathryn Barry

The 2010 CNMI Census is designed to determine a complete and accurate count to give the CNMI a snapshot of its status as a Commonwealth and its needs. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local, and tribal governments based on census data.

"Our population is rapidly changing, and accurate census data are needed to help our leaders make positive improvements in our community," said Local Census Office manager Juan Boria.

Residents can fill out the questionnaires in the in the privacy of their home and turn them in to census workers when they visit one's house. If residents fill out the form on their own, the workers can more quickly verify if the form is complete. If residents need assistance or have not filled out the form, census workers have been trained to conduct an interview and fill out census forms for them.

"It is really up to the residents if they want to save time and do it on their own," said Barry.

There are two enumeration groups in the current field operations. One is the List Enumeration, which has over 250 enumerators presently working on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota supported by over 70 crew leaders and crew leader assistants.

The second group is the Group Quarters Enumeration, with over 20 crew members.

With time being of the essence, the Local Census Office wants to enumerate as many people as possible in the first weeks of the operation. Thus, the enumeration crews are visiting all parts of the CNMI at once. Enumerators have been strategically placed to cover areas and villages that coincide with where they live.

"We want to ensure that no resident of the CNMI is left behind; therefore we need staff that is comfortable and familiar with the area that has been as-

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Environmental Awareness Month 2010. An "Island Wide Clean-Up" is scheduled for Friday, April 23, from 2-4 p.m. This is an opportunity to get your office, club, school, or friends outside and doing something to help keep our island beautiful and healthy. Supplies such as trash bags and sanitation gloves will be provided on-site. To get involved, contact Jonathan Arriola at the Division of Environmental Quality, 664-8500 or mail to: jonathanarriola@deq.gov.mp.

Marianas Visitors Authority invites the community to join our tourism partners, the Japan Saipan Travel Association and Korean Tour Association Saipan, to help beautify the Garapan tourism district in preparation for Japan's Golden Week holiday. The clean up will be from 6-8 a.m., on April 30, beginning at the American Memorial Park's





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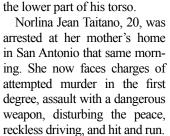
Woman arrested after allegedly running over husband with car

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A domestic dispute allegedly led to a woman running over her common-law husband with a vehicle in San Antonio Friday

morning. The victim, Nelsin Anson Saimon, managed to crawl to the Sunrise Market where he asked for help. Medics brought him to the Commonwealth Health Center for injuries on his legs and



At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for Taitano's temporary release. Manglona set the preliminary hearing for April 22 at 9am.

Traffic investigator Joseph M. Magofna stated in his report Taitano and Saimon had a prior domestic dispute, prompting him to move to his sister's house in Chalan Kanoa to avoid a fight.

Friday Early morning, Taitano's mother, Nora, called Saimon and told him to check on his wife because she got into an accident along Beach Road.

Saimon thought that his son was with Taitano so he proceeded to the crash site along Beach Road near San Antonio Market in San Antonio at 7:37am.

After the crash scene was cleared, Taitano, her mother Nora, and Saimon drove home. When they arrived at Nora's house, Taitano got upset and asked Saimon what he was doing there. He replied that Nora called him and told him to check on her.

Taitano got even more upset and started yelling at Saimon to go away. Instead of argu-

> ing, he began walking toward the road. Taitano picked up a rock, then threatened to run him over with her car, a 1998 Mitsubishi Montero.

Saimon began running toward the road, with Nora shout-

ing at her daughter to stop, but she did not. Taitano backed up and drove the vehicle, hitting Saimon from behind. The victim fell on the gravel road, landing on his stomach.

Taitano ran over Saimon then sped toward Beach Road, leaving Saimon lying on the gravel road. Saimon tried to get up, but could not feel his feet.

He crawled to Sunrise Market where he asked for help.



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Chamber: Tax rebate reduction and elimination ruinous to NMI

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has said that the reduction and elimination of the Northern Marianas territorial income tax rebate as proposed by House Bill 17-50 will be ruinous to individuals, families, businesses, the economy and ultimately, the CNMI government itself.

H.B. 17-50, introduced by House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) on March 31, seeks to reduce the income tax rebate by 50 percent beginning April 1, 2010 and eliminate it by Jan. 1, 2011.

Kyle L. Calabrese, execu- ing the bill. tive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said that although the bill is styled as a reduction and elimina-

tion of a rebate, it is nothing more than a tax increase.

"No bill currently pending before the legislature would do more to harm the Commonwealth than House Bill 17-50," Calabrese told House Ways and Means

Committee chair Rep. Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan) in an April 9 letter.

The committee is still review-

In his two-page letter, Calabrese cited six "minimum consequences" of HB 17-50. including the doubling of all

> income tax rates and withholding tax rates in the CNMI.

He said Guam will become more attractive to investors from a tax standpoint, as Guam uses U.S. tax treaties to determine withholding tax rates and a

foreign investor's profit repatriation.

The CNMI's current rate is approximately 17.5 percent on

repatriation, but this will go up to about 30 percent under this bill.

Calabrese said any project considering an investment in the CNMI will have to double its return on investment starting in 2011, dissuading new investment.

"Many companies doing business in the CNMI and Guam have structured their businesses to push revenues to the CNMI to take advantage of the tax rates. As this bill will take away our tax advantage, it will decrease governmental tax revenues," he told Basa.

He also said the elimination of the rebate would further impair the CNMI's ability to attract and retain professionals.

Lastly, Calabrese said HB 17-50 will further delay any economic recovery in the CNMI and shut down investments here.

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tions for the governor, the lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges and justices when austerity holidays or other reduced work hour legislation are applied to government workers.

"...It is unjust to ask our people to forego a portion of their salaries while we remain exempt. Leaders must lead by example. We are not better than our constituents, and should only ask them to sacrifice when we do so in kind. Indeed, those in constitutionally protected positions are better placed to shoulder the burden of reduced pay than the vast majority of our workforce," Manglona said.

He pre-filed Senate Legislative Initiatives 17-5, 17-6, and 17-7, which may be acted on during the Senate's special session on Friday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has voluntarily cut his salary by 10 percent since the first round of austerity measures were implemented, and continues to do so to this day.

The administration projects revenue for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011 to reach just \$137 million—a steep drop from the initial projection of \$150 million.

One hour cut a day

The letters issued yesterday notify contract employees that 30 days from their receipt of the notice, their work hours will be reduced by 10 hours per pay period beginning on that date. That could come as early as May 24, 2010.

Their new work hours will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm instead of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

The notice would add two hours to the eight-hour cut per payday that is already being implemented among Executive Branch employees at the Office of the Governor.

"From eight hours, it's now 10 hours for us. I know it's hard but it's better than losing your job," said one male employee who has been working for the government for seven years.

A female excepted service employee said she has yet to receive a notice but she is already thinking of how to further stretch her family's budget.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that a little over 300 notices were issued yesterday to each department or agency to serve to their excepted service employees.

"This figure does not represent the complete count of excepted service employees. As we communicate, more letters are still being generated and routed for signatures before disbursement to the remaining excepted service employees," he said.

Demapan said in an effort to lead by example, the excepted service personnel at the Office of the Governor have been on a 72-hour workweek as part of the administration's cost-cutting measures.

In the notices, Executive Branch excepted service employees were told about a March 2, 2010, notice from acting Finance Secretary Robert Schrack, informing Fitial of a significant reduction in projected resources for the current fiscal year.

The original estimated resource for FY 2010 was \$150.5 million, with \$148,083,551 to be spent for government operations. Due to a projected decline in revenue, Fitial adjusted this amount to \$137.350 million representing a 7.25 percent reduction absorbed by the budget authority remaining for the fiscal year.

Hiring authorities or department heads told affected excepted service employees that the effect of the additional cut will not be able to sustain programs and personnel expenditures at the current level.

"One result would be eventual shutdown of our entire department/activity before the end of this fiscal year or reductions in force. In order to, hopefully, prevent such possible occurrences, work hours must be reduced so that all employees can maintain their positions while continuing the mandate of our organization," hiring authorities told their employees, based on a sample copy of the notices that came out yesterday.

Affected employees are encouraged to communicate with their hiring authority or department heads should they wish to discuss the matter further.

The notices, which the affected employees also have to sign, were reviewed by Attorney General Edward Buckingham and acting Personnel Management director Isidro Seman.

The Fitial administration has also started the process of trimming the government's civil service workforce which, along with the work hour cuts for contract employees, is separate from the House austerity bill that also seeks to cut government work hours by 10 per pay period. The Senate has opened the bill to public hearings.

Fitial, who is now back on island, notified Seman, as acting director of the Office of Personnel Management, of the intent to implement a reduction in force via an April 1 memorandum.

The reduction in force—a combination of cuts in work hours, furloughs and terminations of employment, as necessary—will be initiated 60 days after OPM received Fitial's letter informing it of his intention.

Reduce spending

The governor directed Seman to work

with a committee established to ensure the smooth implementation of this action

Upon determining the necessary reduction in force processes that must be enforced, Seman is to prepare an implementation plan, with notices to department/agency heads, a timetable, implementation steps, qualifications to determine which employees will be affected and form letters and tools to monitor the effects of the action.

"You will also immediately ensure that all preliminary steps to reduce spending are initiated prior to the implementation of this action, to include the cessation of all non-vital hiring, the stoppage of all overtime, the cancellation of on-call pay and all differentials and premium payments. I realize that many of these actions have already been [in effect], but I ask you to review

for full compliance," Fitial told Seman.

Seman did not return calls for comments yesterday.

Fitial said it will also be necessary during the notice period to initiate the termination of provisional, limited term and probationary employees.

OPM will prepare a list of all employees in these categories for review by the committee formed to ensure the smooth implementation of the reduction in force.

Fitial said he recognizes that the "necessary reduction in force actions" will not be feasible in all situations but he expects the exceptions to be minimal.

"I will also urge the mayors, the municipal councils, and the Legislative and Judicial Branches to join the Executive Branch in these cost-cutting measures," the governor said.

CENSUS

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signed to them," said LCO adviser Rebecca Diaz Cartagena.

According to CNMI Census, the production rates of the enumerators will be closely monitored for a couple of weeks because enumerators are still getting their feet wet and growing more comfortable with the enumeration procedures.

Every single enumerator works by him/herself. During the first week of employment there may be a couple, sometimes a group present as part of their training. Typically there are 5-6 enumerators under each crew leader. Enumerators are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week; mostly during evenings and weekends.

The census questionnaires are lengthy and contain a few skipping

patterns that may raise confusion with some respondents. The LCO reiterates the use of their Telephone Questionnaire Assistance service.

The Local Census Office has made additional forms available at all U.S. Postal Service and private post offices, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., IT&E, MITA Travel, MCV, Korean Association, Japan and Philippine consulates, and an inset in the Chinese newspaper.

The Telephone Assistance Center is available to help residents in completing their forms. Assistance is available in multiple languages and operators will enlist the help of translators when necessary. The TAC number is 288-3040; hours of operation are 9am – 8:30pm Monday to Friday; Saturday, 12pm to 8pm; and Sunday, 12pm to 6pm (except on holidays).

For more information about the 2010 CNMI Census, call 288-3023/27.

OPA

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sworn-in Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan said may finally start the long-overdue project.

OPA said the potential contract is worth close to \$12 million.

But GPPC, through its legal counsel Mark B. Hanson, said yesterday that they are set to challenge in court the decisions of the Procurement and Supply Division and OPA. GPPC, one of the bidders, said it will seek judicial review and file an injunction as early as today.

"We will petition for a judicial review,

and will try to enjoin the government to prevent it from awarding a contract to ITSI....We will prevail," said Hanson.

Sablan said OPA's decision is one step closer to the goal of closing down Puerto Rico dump, which stopped receiving trash in 2003 when the \$10 million Marpi landfill opened.

"We don't want to drag this on any further. The money for the project has been there, but we are just waiting for the procurement process to be completed. There were protests, and OPA issued its latest decision saying that the winning bidder's bid was responsive. This project is long overdue," the DPW secretary told *Saipan Tribune*.

Public Auditor Michael Pai, in an April 1, 2010, decision, affirmed Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan's decision to deny GPPC's second protest related to the project.

GPPC had said that ITSI "qualified" its lump sum bid in order to protect against future changes in conditions. For example, ITSI has used its bid to lay a foundation for subsequent change orders, it said.

GPPC argued that by doing so, ITSI has removed the risk from its bid and thus has unfairly prejudiced other bidders who had to factor the risk of changed conditions and increased equipment, materials, or subcontractor prices into their bids.

Herman Sablan disagreed with GPPC that ITSI is setting itself up for change orders.

He said the Puerto Rico dump's final closure is a complex, expensive project that is a critical component of the CNMI's compliance with an existing consent order.

"As such, the CNMI has taken extra steps to ensure that the project can be implemented expeditiously and avoid the change orders usually inherent in capital improvement projects," said Herman Sablan, who denied GPPC's second protest.

GPPC filed with OPA an appeal on the denial of its protest.

The public auditor, however, affirmed the Procurement director's decision to deny GPPC's second protest.

"ITSI's bid was responsive. The contracting officer properly solicited additional information with which to make a responsibility determination," Pai said in his 10-page April 1 decision. "The contracting officer's responsibility decision has a rational basis and there is no showing of fraud or bad faith or prejudicial violation of an applicable statute or regulation."

OPA gave GPPC and other interested parties 10 days from April 1 to file a request for reconsideration of OPA's decision.

FERNANDEZ

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The board came out of a lengthy executive session at exactly 7:22pm and a motion to terminate Fernandez was made by vice chair Paz Younis, seconded by regent Frank Rabauliman.

The motion was adopted on a 4-3 vote, with regents Charles Cepeda, Maria Malua Peter, and Elaine Orilla voting no. Board chair Janet H. King, vice chair Younis, Rabauliman, and Andrew Orsini comprised the majority votes.

King explained after the meeting that the decision was based on the findings presented by both the Attorney General's Office and NMC's internal legal counsel, the Guam-based Cabot Mantanona. She said both investigations bore similar results, confirming the alleged changing of students' grades and other personnel matters at the college.

The termination is effective 30 days upon receipt of notification. The board is expected to serve Fernandez her walking papers within the next few days.

During the 30 days, Fernandez will still be paid her salary as NMC president, King said.

She said the investigation findings, provisions of the president's contract, and the regents' duties were the prime basis for the decision reached yesterday.

"The regents all believe that NMC must remain an institution of high quality and high integrity...and that's the basis of our decision," King said.

The board suspended Fernandez on Jan. 12, with the launching of two investigations against her. The results of the investigations were presented to the board last month; both were not made public.

Yesterday marked the third month of Fernandez's suspension and the third

month that the college has been paying for two presidents, to the tune of \$80,000 per annum each.

King said yesterday that Lorraine Cabrera will continue serving as interim president until a new college president is named.

The board is set to meet individually today with members of a Western Association of Schools and Colleges team that is on island to check on NMC and the dustup surrounding its leadership.

King declined to comment if Fernandez's termination will have any impact on the college's accreditation.

'Ready for legal battle'

The meeting began at 3pm yesterday and members immediately voted to go to executive session.

Fernandez and her lawyer, Brien
Sers Nicholas, were present and spent
about 30 minutes in a private audience
with the board.

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Saipan Tribune learned that Sers

Nicholas spoke on behalf of Fernandez throughout the board hearing.

"Dr. Fernandez was present...but she was represented by her attorney who spoke on behalf of her," King confirmed with *Saipan Tribune*.

King said the executive session lasted more than four hours due to the extensive deliberation, during which all regents were given the opportunity to present their respective opinions.

"Any decision that is made [by the board] has possible legal consequences and the board discussed extensively the future of NMC. We are confident in our decision," King said.

Both Fernandez and Sers Nicholas refused to speak with the media before and after the board's decision.

'Sad but relieved'

One of the college's deans, Tee Abraham, said she is relieved about knowing that a decision has finally been reached.

"I was relieved. ... They finally made a decision... and now it's up to Dr. Fernandez to do whatever she wants," Abraham told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the college can finally move on with the resolution of this "dragging issue"

A handful of students, employees, and community members were seen waiting outside the conference room throughout the four-hour-plus closed door meeting.

Joyce Taro, former president of the NMC staff faculty, described the board's decision as "sad" for NMC.

She believes that Fernandez did her job in fulfilling the duties of a president

"It's sad...but it's their decision. I respect the president and thank her because she did what was expected of her and she accomplished it. I am also happy that a decision has been finally made so we can all move forward," Taro said.

After Huesman, it's Evangelista's turn to resign

Docomo offers \$2,000 reward for info on cell site vandalism

Around 12:32am on Sunday, April 11, Docomo Pacific's Koresko cell site was vandalized. The transmitter box was broken into and internal cables were stolen. Several other items such as power and coax cables were also stolen.

Docomo Pacific engineers restored the cell site at 4:21pm on the same day.

CNMI law enforcement officials continue to investigate this incident.

In an effort to curb this type of offense toward the community, Docomo PacifiC is offering a \$2,000 reward for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for this criminal act.

If you have information about this incident, call the Crime Stoppers tips line at 234-7272 (PARA). The Tips line is open 24 hours. All tips are kept anonymous, caller ID is never used and Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

"When you call the Crime Stoppers tips line, you do not need to give your name; we want only the information in the case," said Docomo Pacific in a statement. (PR)

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Assistant attorney general Michael Norita Evangelista turned in yesterday his resignation letter to Attorney General Edward Buckingham, just three days after Braddock J. Huesman also resigned from his post.

In his letter of resignation, a copy of which was obtained by Saipan Tribune, Evangelista said he decided to pursue an opportunity that would allow him to expand his legal experience and career in private practice.

"This decision to leave the AG's Office is one that I make with mixed feelings, as I must balance my obligations to my family and fulfill my passion for serving our people," he said.

The local prosecutor said he has enjoyed his time at the OAG, but that he is ready for a new chapter in his career.

Evangelista said he will "surely miss the outstanding and dedicated" staff and attorneys at the OAG as well as all law enforcement personnel and social workers that he worked with on a daily basis.

"Their selflessness and devotion to upholding justice have helped me develop both personally and professionally. I am indebted to each one of them,"

Evangelista

Evangelista extended his appreciation to the Fitial admin-

istration for giving him the opportunity to work and gain legal experience at the OAG.

Most importantly, he said, he was given the opportunity

to "give back to the community." Evangelista's last

day at the OAG's Criminal Division will be on May 10, 2010. A source said

Evangelista will be

joining the law of-

fice of former Rep. Joseph James N. Camacho and Viola Alepuyo.

With Evangelista's resignation, the OAG's Criminal Division will be down to just four prosecutors, including chief prosecutor Rosemond Santos. The remaining three are Jen-

nifer Dockter, Brian Gallagher, and William Downer.

Hasselback's resignation took effect last Monday, April 5. Last Thursday, Huesman of the OAG's Civil Division submitted his resignation letter. His last day is April 30, 2010. Huesman said he is leaving the OAG to establish the law firm Fisher Huesman L.L.C.

The OAG's Criminal Division is currently understaffed as many prosecutors have resigned for various reasons beginning January 2010.

Buckingham earlier said a new prosecutor is joining the OAG's Criminal Division within the next several weeks. He added that it is his goal to have at least six prosecutors, in addition to the chief prosecutor.

Autism conference at World Resort

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be holding a conference at the Saipan World Resort on Saturday, April 17, from 8am to 4pm.

The purpose of the conference is to inform the community about autism and issues surrounding it locally, nationally, and internationally, in addition to pulling from the CNMI's resources so participants can have access to them. A participant list will be taken with contact information to help build a network in the CNMI for parents and others to use to access services or information pertaining to autism.

Members of the ASCNMI administration will provide introduction and concluding remarks for the conference.

Tom Thornburgh, project specialist from the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, will be presenting on "Autism in the CNMI."

Behavioral specialist Lynn

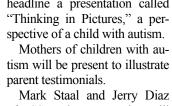
Corella and educational psychologist Mary McGee of the Public School System's Special Education Program will headline a presentation called "Thinking in Pictures," a per-

Mothers of children with autism will be present to illustrate

of PSS Early Intervention will have a special education presentation titled "Early Intervention for Autism."

ville Elementary School and Rebecca Flores of William S. Reyes School will lead a presentation on bullying.

Vince Merfalen of ASCNMI will have a presentation on the "Autism Commission Bill."



Erica Thornburgh of Kobler-

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the conference and entertainment will be provided by Kings and Dreamers. (Walter J. Sutherland)



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance at 670.234-6866/7689/7670 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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- **COMMUNITY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PROGRAM** A. PY 2010 Reduced Allocation
- MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAMS

C. Other Loan Related Matters

- A. Status of Rural Development Updates B. Request for Third Sale
- VI. FISCAL MATTERS
 - A. FY 2011 Budget
 - B. Other Fiscal Related Matters
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. OTHER MATTERS
- A. HUD Economic Development Initiative-Special Purpose Grants **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE Chairwoman of the Board



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Dog helps bust suspected Saipan-Tinian 'ice' smuggler

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

A K-9 dog at the Saipan International Airport helped authorities arrest on Friday a suspected or "ice" on Tinian who gets her supply from Saipan.

Sylvia San Nicolas Borja, 37, was arrested for trafficking of a controlled substance, and

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distributor of methamphetamine illegal possession of a controlled substance.

> Authorities allegedly retrieved from Borja .75 gross grams of "ice" that she concealed in a plastic baggie inside a Hi-C box

perior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona imposed a \$30,000 cash bail for Borja's temporary release. Preliminary hearing was set for April 22 at 9am. The court appointed the Public Defender's

that she was drinking from.

At yesterday's hearing, Su-

Detective Sean White stated in his report that detective

Office to represent Borja.

information from a "cooperating source" on Friday that a woman, identified as Borja, was on Saipan to purchase

"ice" from a drug dealer for distribution on Tinian.

White said members of the CNMI Customs and Department of Public Safety Drug Enforcement Task Force, with assistance from the

CNMI Customs K-9 units, conducted a surveillance operation. That same day, when Borja

Norman Rasiang had received entered the departure area on her way back to Tinian, a K-9 officer used a K-9 dog to search all passengers and belongings in the area. A search of Borja and her belongings caused the K-9 dog to react.

> White said he approached and identified himself as a DETF officer and that Borja admitted she was in possession of "ice."

> During questioning at the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau's office, Boria allegedly stated she smuggled "ice" between Tinian and Saipan about three times this year.

White said Borja admitted being an "ice" distributor on Tinian and that her source is from Saipan.

CPA mulls revisiting procurement regs, policies to expedite project completion

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority board wants to revisit its procurement regulations and policies so as not to hinder the completion of important airport and seaport construction projects on three islands.

During Friday's special meeting, board chair Jose Lifoifoi disclosed that there were instances when certain projects were delayed because changes were subject to board approval.

"We decided to revisit this regulation because there are times the board can't meet for just a minor change in the contract or a small adjustment on the price...and the contractor has to wait for board action," stated Lifoifoi.

Current CPA policy states that every contract modification, change order, or contract price adjustment under a construction contract must have the board's prior approval.

Lifoifoi said the recommended policy revisit was referred to the committee for review.

The usual subjects for change orders include price adjustments or supplemental funding for specific construction projects, extension of completion dates, and adjustment on other areas such as designs and components.

Lifoifoi said the board is looking into authorizing the executive director, in consultation with the legal counsel, to approve change orders for construction projects only. However, he pointed out that the board still has to adopt a decision approving the entire project proposal.

Last Friday, the board approved the supplemental funding of over \$136,000 for an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Training Center construction project and \$18,000 to repaint the Rota airport terminal building.

The supplemental funding will be sourced from the passenger facility charges and reimbursement from the Federal Aviation Administration.



Timothy P. Villagomez, James A. Santos and Joaquina V. Santos are insisting that they are entitled to be free while they contest the validity of their convictions in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Filing on behalf of the three, attorney Dennis P. Riordan said that Villagomez and the Santoses are entitled to temporary release unless the U.S. District Court for the NMI can declare that their appeals will not raise a substantial appellate issue.

Riordan noted that the Ninth Circuit law makes clear that an issue can be deemed "substantial" even though the judge or justice hearing the application for bail would affirm on the merits of the appeal.

In both this and past proceedings on the issue of bail on appeal, the U.S. government has conceded that the three constitute neither a danger nor a flight risk, he said.

Riodan also pointed out that it is "fairly debatable" whether defendants were denied their right said, the court barred public use of available seating, failed to state a viable justification for the decision, and failed to consider reasonable alternatives.

In opposing the three's release, assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley said that Villagomez and the Santoses have failed to present a theory that is "fairly debatable" as required by law. He said the defendants' substantive argument is without merit.

"The defendants do not dispute that the media, family and supporters of the defendants, as well as members of the general public, could have and did attend each and every segment of the trial," he said.

The hearing on the motion will be on Wednesday at 8am.

Villagomez and the Santos couple are now in separate prisons in the U.S. mainland, serving their sentences—87 months for Villagomez and 60 months each for Santos couple—for their roles in the Rydlyme corruption scandal. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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r. Watanabe of the Rota Treasure Island Corporation is pleased to announce that the Certificate of Casino License was presented to him by the Rota Casino Gaming Commission on April 7th, 2010. Although the certificate is a CONDITIONAL Casino License, Mr. Watanabe has to meet all the necessary requirements and conditions within 180 days upon the issued date. Mr. Watanabe has high confidence that he will definitely meet all the requirements and conditions that are required by the RCGC.

So far, Mr. Watanabe has set up a promotional network all over Japan in which he is surely confident that he has many potential customers that are willing to visit Rota and the CNMI once the Casino is set for its initial opening. This will bring more and more visitors to the islands. Mr. Watanabe had already promised the Mayor of Rota that he will do his best to contribute and to improve the tourist industry and economy growth of Rota. Mr. Watanabe is not only looking for Casino players, but also to attract many varieties of tourists and investors from the Pacific region and abroad.

Mr. Watanabe believes his project will make a strong impact to the visitors and will help strengthen the tourist industry. He is also looking forward in having a short and long term range of analyzing business plans to guarantee the success of this project.

He is very impressed with the Mayor of Rota by thinking of the positive outcome and for intending to open the tourist and investor markets. He is willing to cooperate with the Mayor of Rota and the entire community.

Mr. Watanabe deeply appreciates the fine staff of the Rota Gaming Commission and especially to the people of Rota in assisting and supporting RTIC project. The positive thought shared had marked the Rota community with a very Positive reaction. This project will have a remarkable outcome in the very near future. Also, he wishes Rota and CNMI will become his hometown forever!!



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Work hour cuts save CPA nearly \$1M



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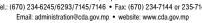
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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority thru its Chairman, hereby informs the general public that the CDA Board of Directors will hold its regular meeting on Friday, April 16, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Second Floor, Wakin's Building, Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Saipan. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. January 27, 2010

2. Legal Counsel's Report

e. Update on Foreclosed Properties

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Roll Call
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
 PUBLIC COMMENTS
- REPORTS
- Financial Report CDA
- DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
- 1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget a. CDA Board Resolution 2009-003 d. Procurement Matters
- b. FY 2011 Budget
- c. Personnel Matters 2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
- 3. DBD/Public Finance Committee
- 4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities
- a. World Corporation d.b.a. World Resort Saipan c. Other QC Matters
- b. WDI Saipan, Inc. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB)
 - 2. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Update
- 3. Business Incubator Update **NEW BUSINESS**
- APAFS Sponsorship of Country Conference VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

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PUBLIC NOTICE April 13, 2010

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation Division (DCD) of the Commonwealth Development Authority thru its Chairwoman, hereby informs the general public that the DCD Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Wakin's Building, Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Saipan. The agenda for this meeting is as follows

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
- 1 December 17 2009
- PUBLIC COMMENTS **REPORTS**
 - 1. Financial Report DCD
- 2. Loan Reports
 - a. Loan Applications' Report
 - b. Approved Loans & Bank Guarantees' Report
 - c. Loan Status/Receivables Report
- d. DCD Performing Loan Summary/Delinquency & Litigation Reports
- **OLD BUSINESS** VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. New Loan Request
- 2. Other Requests
- VIII. OTHER MATTERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive

MARCIE M. TOMOKANE

Chairwoman, CDA Board of Directors

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority projects close to a million dollars in savings this fiscal year, largely due to the acrossthe-board work hour cuts implemented among seaport and airport personnel, according to its comptroller.

Derek Sasamoto disclosed Friday that initial review of the data shows that over 50 percent of the estimated savings is projected to come from personnel while the rest will cover other areas in operation.

CPA began implementing the 8-hour cuts in personnel's work hours on April 1, 2010. The board of directors approved the cost-cutting measure in February.

Saipan Tribune learned that since April 1, all CPA departments and divisions have been enforcing the directive, with personnel asked to take rotating days off so as not to impact operation and services.

The 8-hour work reduction will remain until Sept. 30, 2010, the end of the current fiscal year. The agency has a total of 192 employees on three islands.

Sasamoto said the agency will conduct a full review and analysis of the data to determine if there's a need to stop or continue the work reduction. He said CPA

has to strictly follow the budget plan in order to survive.

CPA board chair Joe Lifoifoi told Saipan Tribune that the low revenue projections for FY 2010 prompted the board to vote for the work hour reduction. This fiscal year, the agency expects airport revenue to reach just \$10.4 million, while the forecast for seaports pegs revenue at \$6.7 million, for a total of \$17.1 million.

The money will be used for CPA operations and personnel expenses. Funding for airport projects come from grants provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and other granting agencies.

Both Sasamoto and Lifoifoi pointed out that CPA's priority at present is to pay both its airport and seaport bonds.

Lifoifoi welcomes recent news that Fitch Ratings has given CPA an improved bond rating of triple C, recognizing the improvements and sacrifices they took in meeting bond obligations.

Fitch Ratings has removed the CPA from watch negative rate and affirmed its triple C grade for the improvements noted in the agency relating to its 1998 airport revenue bonds.

"This only proves that we are serious in implementing progress at CPA," Lifoifoi told Saipan Tribune Friday.



THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via (photo@nmihumanities.o rg) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.





The person featured in last week's photo has been identified as Failap, who worked for the family of Dr. Torres in the 1940s. Identified by Mr. Sablan and Lino M. Olopai.

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 13, 1999

Project delay upsets governor

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, disappointed over the year-long delayed in a critical sewer line project, yesterday stepped into the dispute between the ports authority and the utilities corporation to push the construction amid threats by a contractor to bring the CNMI to court for failure to pay \$1.9 million in fees. According to the governor, he has scheduled a meeting with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Legislature on Wednesday to bring an end to the bickering arising from who should foot the bill. "I want to see the resumption of the project," a visibly dismayed Tenorio said in an interview. "We will try to find additional funding to complete the project," he added, as he tasked CUC to identify resources to complete the sewer line.

CUC to lower gov't power rate

The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has scheduled public hearings next week regarding the adjustment of government electric rates. The board voted several months ago to adjust or merge the government rates with the commercial rates. Right now, the government pays the highest rate of 20 cents per kilowatt-hour, while commercial rates are only 16 cents. The board approved a move to merge the government rates back in line with commercial rates, but cannot go through with the action until public hearings are held on Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

April 13, 2000

House to help MVA tap cruise industry

Leaders of the House of Representatives yesterday pledged to work with the Marianas Visitors Authority and the private sector in a move to entice international cruise companies to develop this lucrative tourism business in the CNMI. With the surrounding vast Pacific Ocean, the Commonwealth can offer the best package to cruise investors and has the potential to attract large number of tourists from Asia, according to Rep. Dino M. Jones, chair of the Natural Resources Committee. "Our land resources are limited and it's about time that we have to venture out and tap our sea resources," he told reporters in an interview from Washington D.C. where he and nine other members of the House are currently on a visit.

DOT to help NMI in luring airlines

The Philippine government will have to negotiate with the United States to allow the Armenian Airlines to establish direct service between Saipan and Clark Air Base in Pampanga province, just north of Manila. Rep. Rosiky Camacho, chair of the House Public Utilities, Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, disclosed from Washington D.C. that the U.S. Department of Transportation is willing to help the CNMI facilitate the entry of the carrier in order to improve air service on the island. But before the application is approved by DOT, the U.S. government must secure authority from Philippine officials on behalf of Armenian Airlines to operate the charter flights to Saipan, he said.

April 13, 2001

Possible water shortage worries CUC

There is a big possibility that another El Nino phenomenon aggravated by the onset of the dry season will adversely affect the Northern Marianas' water level this year through 2002. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporations said the onset of summer might affect water reservoir levels. Once this happens, there will be changes on continued distribution of water on Saipan and other complicated areas. In preparation to these possible problems, the CUC Water Division stepped up efforts on routine leak detection services. Search for illegal pumps were also beefed up. In a report, the division admitted that there is a great possibility of the recurrence of the El Nino phenomenon next year that public awareness programs are being strictly implemented.

Pact eyed to settle gov't contributions

A firm agreement that will pave the way for the prompt payment of government contributions should be set up immediately to prevent a possible inflation of remiss accounts. NMI Retirement Fund earlier junked recommendations made by the Office of the Public Auditor to consider charging interest on overdue accounts receivable. According to Fund officials, there is an understanding between the Department of Finance and the NMIRF that payments will be made every two weeks for the most delinquent pay period contributions.

Islandwide cleanup planned for April 23

In support of April as Environmental Awareness Month, the Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Committee is planning an islandwide cleanup on April 23.

DEQ's Environmental Awareness Committee urges the public to organize their own cleanup crews and expect to spend at least two hours picking up trash in their local village areas. The EAC is searching for local leaders to assemble their own cleanup crews by rallying friends, co-workers, and/ or family members together to clean up the beaches, parks, and

streets in the community.

Impending team captains can obtain sign-up sheets for the cleanup project at the Department of Environmental Quality. Once a team has been registered, the team captains are to contact the designated area coordinators of the project. Area coordinators

will provide cleaning materials to the cleaning crews.

Area coordinators include:

- Michael Kapileo (mikekapileo@deq.gov.mp): Kan Pacific Pool - Sadog Kasi traffic light
- Solomon Castro (solomon-castro@deq.gov.mp): Sadog Tasi Trafic Light - Sugar King

Park & Hiriguchi Building

- ■Jacob Lizama (jacoblizama@ deq.gov.mp): Sadog Tasi Trafic Light Kagman High School
- JP Flores (johnpaulflores@ deq.gov.mp): Hiroguchi Bldg and Sugar King Park Microl Toyota & Payless Shoe
- Larry Sugiyama (lorenzosugiyama@deq.gov.mp): Microl Toyota - Chalan Pio Trafic Light up As Perdido

■ Ben Somol (bensomol@ deq.gov.mp): Microl Toyota - Airport-Kiyoshi Rd

■ Chris Tomakane (christomokane@deq.gov.mp): Chalan Pio Trafic Light - Kobler Mobil - Shell Dandan

For more information or to sign up your team, contact DEQ One Start coordinator Jonathon Arriola at 664-8500. (Walter J. Sutherland)

NMC hires Criminal Justice instructor

The Northern Marianas College has recently hired a coordinator to manage the college's Criminal Justice Program. Just earlier this month, Lt. Col. Edward C. Camacho reported to his first day of work at NMC.

Camacho is no stranger to NMC, however. After leaving active duty in the United States Army in 1995, he taught history, political science, and criminal justice courses at the college while serving in the Army Reserve. He also served as NMC's institutional researcher and planner, the director for the college's public safety and law enforcement programs, and its dean of Continuing Education.

His endeavors after leaving NMC led him to the posts of CNMI chief of police, commissioner of Public Safety, and former governor Juan N. Babauta's special assistant for military affairs.

Camacho's extensive military background has helped him develop many of the skills he



Lt. Col. Edward C. Camacho

holds today. These include his strengths in strategic planning, team leadership, key relationship management, and policy design and implementation.

"I'm happy to be back here at NMC and to see all the new and familiar faces," said Camacho.

"I also look forward to working closely with students and guiding them to prepare for a successful career in criminal justice."

Camacho, a decorated officer, received his bachelor's in political science from the University of Guam and his master's in national security affairs from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. He also holds graduate and postgraduate level credits in educational leadership from San Diego State University.

"It is a pleasure to be able to welcome LTC Camacho back to NMC," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "I am confident that he will bring the same energy and wisdom he had when he was with NMC from 1995 to 2002."

Camacho took over the post left vacant by Judy Torres earlier this year. He will be responsible for NMC's Criminal Justice Program, where he will teach CJ courses and offer guidance to students pursuing their associate's degree in criminal justice. (NMC)

RP Consulate open on weekends and holidays for overseas absentee voting

In response to numerous requests from the Filipino community, the Philippine Consulate General in Saipan shall be open for overseas absentee voting from 8am to 4pm during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the election period.

This means that, starting today, the Consulate shall be open everyday for overseas absentee voting until the end of the election period on May 10, 2010. During regular weekdays, the voting period shall be from 9am to 5pm.

There were 36 ballots cast during the opening day last

Saturday. However, more than a hundred registered absentee voters obtained their ballot packages that same day. These Filipinos, including those who called the consulate general, requested that consulate personnel continue to render weekend services as a number of Filipinos would be unable to go to the consulate during weekdays due to their busy work schedule.

The Philippine Consulate General urges all registered Filipino overseas absentee voters to participate in choosing the people that will lead their country in coming years. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Thess Batino! God bless you and we love you always. Greetings come from Abby Kaye, Kirro, Kier, Kevin , Christian Glenn and Tito.

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ZONING OFFICE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

The Zoning Office will be holding workshops to promote educational awareness of the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law, as well as to seek comments on how the law is working. These workshops are in line with the Zoning Board's goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature as it prepares for the law's review and update. The public consultation and information campaign will continue over the next month in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Please note the following changes made to the dates, times, and target group for the coming days:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 2:00 to 3:00pm Government Agencies

All workshops will be held at the Zoning Office conference room, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan. Anyone with questions about the meetings may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at staff @zoning.gov.mp.

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ZONING BOARD TO HOST VILLAGE MEETINGS

The Zoning Board and Office will hold a round of village meetings to seek comments about how the current zoning law is working, and will update and revise the current zoning law with the goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature. The public consultation and information campaign over the next two months will continue in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Meeting dates and locations which have been confirmed are:

Thursday, April 15, 2010 6:00 PM Dandan Village
@ Dandan Elementary School

Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 6:00 PM San Roque Village @ GTC Elementary School Cafeteria

The Board encourages anyone with suggestions that might improve the language of the law, or changes to the zone boundaries to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written suggestions may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, April 30, 2010 or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

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/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

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The virtues of a U.S.-Russia deal

he United States and Russia have moved far beyond the fierce, high-stakes hostility that characterized the Cold War years. But in recent years, relations between the two governments have often been irritable and uncooperative. So it's a pleasant surprise to find President Barack Obama and President Dmitry Medvedev reaching accord on a plan for reducing their nuclear arsenals.

Being able to work with the Russians on this issue may be good practice for addressing other ones, such as Iran and North Korea. Thawing the chill in relations that took place under President George W. Bush is a good step toward finding common ground instead of reasons to bicker.

But the treaty, which Obama and Medvedev signed Thursday, is also good for several other reasons. The first is that it brings about a useful shrinkage of stockpiles that are far larger than either side needs. Under the New START, each would be allowed 1,550 nuclear warheads and 700 delivery vehicles (meaning missiles and bombers).

On paper, that represents a cut of 30 percent from current levels. But the change is exaggerated. In reality, the United States will have to eliminate only about 100 warheads, compared to 190 for the Russians.

Most of the "cuts" reflect revisions in the way weapons are counted. Still, even modest reductions are worth making, given the vast overkill maintained in either country.

Equally important, the accord renews and expands the system of verification established under the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which expired in December. The reporting and inspection regime will assure that Washington knows the number and location of Moscow's long-range nukes, in the event that the Russians were inclined to cheat on the deal

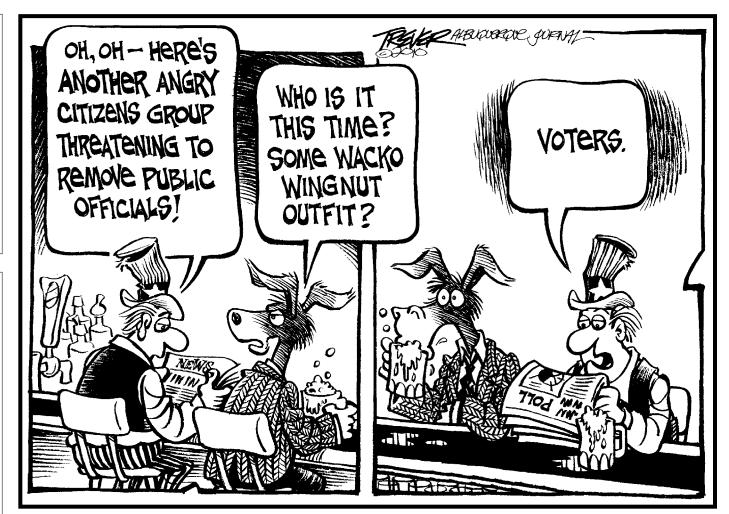
Conservatives worried that the administration would give in to Russian demands to give up missile defense plans. But the treaty includes no limits on missile defense for the simple reason that Obama refused to accept them and Medvedev finally dropped the idea. That outcome should greatly improve the chances of ratification by the Senate.

Perhaps the real significance of the agreement, though, is that it gives the United States greater credibility in trying to prevent nuclear proliferation. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty obliges non-nuclear signatories not to acquire the bomb, but it also requires the existing nuclear powers to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament."

It's hard to tell others about the need to curb the spread of nukes if you're not meeting your responsibility to reduce your own armaments. When the NPT review conference takes place in New York next month, the U.S. will have more credibility in stressing the need to keep Iran from getting nuclear weapons.

At best, New START represents a modest advance for U.S.-Russia relations and control of nuclear weapons. But it beats the heck out of moving backward.

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With Tiger, seeing may not always be believing

he media were in the eye of the Tiger—and scared away.
Frightened by a steely eyed control freak trying to reclimb the Mount Everest of sports pedestals.

Tiger Woods controlled his first open payes conference.

Tiger Woods controlled his first open news conference on April 5, make no mistake.

Whenever a questioner dared to dip his toe into the cold-water side of the pool, i.e., with a tough question, Tiger recoiled and fired back with a latent, but stern, message: don't go there again.

Imagine the temerity of a media member to ask Tiger: "What were you treated for in rehab?" Yes, that question was asked.

In response, Tiger blurted: "That's personal; thank you."

There was no follow-up after that. The media members present apparently got the message—loud and clear, sir.

Yes, Tiger is a control freak, but so is Augusta National, the golf country club that presents the Masters as an annual rite of spring. We've all seen those placid March commercials when CBS golf broadcaster Jim Nantz hails the Masters as "a tradition unlike any other." Augusta issued a postage-stamp-size special credential just for Woods' news conference (separate from actually covering the tournament) and allowed television networks to subsequently air only a maximum of three minutes per hour of Woods' 36-minute news conference after the live event.

That's Tiger and Augusta: Just call them two control freaks in a pod. That also meant no celebrity media, such as TMZ.com or "Extra." That's why we didn't hear questions such as:

"Tiger, did you pay alleged Mistress No. 1 Rachel Uchitel \$10 million in hush money in return for a confidentiality agreement, as reported by TMZ.com?"

Or:

"Tiger, porn star Joslyn James, in an interview with 'Inside Edition,' claims you impregnated her twice. Is that true? And, if so, is it true that she suffered a miscarriage the first time and underwent an abortion the second?"

No, we didn't hear those questions from the traditional media.

Could it be that the traditional types know Tiger has a long memory? If you ask him a question that he abhors, then you may not ever get another one-on-one interview with him again. He may be a Tiger, but he has a memory like an elephant.

Another issue that hasn't been talked about much is the Tiger Woods Foundation. A valid, investigative question would be: Did Tiger use any of the funds from his esteemed foundation to support or subsidize his sex scandal? We mention this because the new issue of Vanity Fair magazine features a 14-page opus (with saucy photos, too) headlined, "The Temptation of Tiger Woods." One sentence clause on Page 208 reads, in part: "... Bryon Bell, Tiger's friend since the seventh grade, who is president of Tiger Woods Design and who was also involved with the Tiger Woods Foundation, which supports charities around the world."

The article paints Bell as one of Woods' "enablers" or conduits with the many alleged mistresses. Jamie Jungers, one of Tiger's alleged mistresses, is quoted as saying, "Every time I would fly out to

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see him (Woods) or schedule itineraries or anything, I would always go through Bryon."

With that, you have to at least wonder about the liaisons and the source of funds. Staging various rendezvous with multiple women in multiple cities around the world is not a cheap thrill.

One also is tempted to wonder about something else Woods so adamantly preached during that Monday afternoon news conference: a more controlled temperament on the course. That was a sign of humility; in fact, Woods' news conference was equal parts contrition and arrogance. Remember, he said the rehab was "personal" in a somewhat condescending tone. But, at other times, it was obvious he was trying to curry sympathy from media, viewers and, surely, lost sponsors.

Perhaps Tiger's brand-new Nike commercial will assist in the sympathy vote. The innovative, yet brilliant, commercial features a pensive Woods in black-and-white standing silent. The voice-over is Tiger's deceased father, Earl, offering Woods true-to-life disciplinary lessons from his childhood. At one point, Earl asks: "Did you learn anything?"

Now, that's the most important question in this saga.

Tiger must have used some form/meaning of the word "lie" at least 10 times during his news conference, such as "... You know, as I said, I lied to a lot of people, deceived a lot of people, kept others in the dark, rationalized. You know, and even lied to myself."

And at one point Woods said, "I am actually going to try and obviously not get as hot when I play. But then again ... I'm not going to be as exuberant, either.

"... And so I've made a conscious decision to try and tone down my negative outbursts. And consequently, I'm sure that my positive outbursts will be calmed down, as well.

"And that's just trying to be more respectful of the game, and acknowledge the fans, like I did today. That was just an incredible reception all day for all 18 holes. And show, you know, my appreciation for them."

How long will this counter-narcissism crusade last? Interacting more with the fans ... not cursing as much after a bad shot ... eradicating the cold stares toward gallery members who take photos in mid-swing.

We will learn that after Woods wins a few times following his "maiden voyage redux" at Augusta. Wait until his Masters "novelty" act wears off.

So how honest and realistic was Tiger: We will see if seeing is believing during his future course work.

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Married but apart: The 'viable marriage' myth

"Aliens cannot be required to have more conventional or more successful marriages than citizens."

—*Bark v. INS*, 1975

airly often, we are consulted about green cards by couples who are separated, but still married. We have most often declined to assist, because of our own misunderstanding of the quotation at the head of this column, and because over the years separated couples seemed clearly disfavored by the old INS and, later, by its successor, USCIS. We took the idea that aliens aren't required to have better marriages than citizens to refer to couples whose marriages might be stormy, but who remain together, in the same household.

One of the best things about being lawyers is that the job requires us to keep learning new things. But there is a dark side: the economics of running a small business means that we rarely have time to learn things we aren't paid to learn. Now we have been given the opportunity to look closely to determine whether an alien, married to a U.S. citizen but now separated, can qualify for lawful permanent residence. Guess what? We were wrong.

The 'viable marriage' standard

In the context of family-based immigration, perhaps the chief concern of both USCIS and the Department of State is sham marriages, which we discussed in detail in our Jan. 12 column. As we noted in that article, examiners are expected to inquire whether a married couple lives together, if the application is based on their marriage. The USCIS Field Adjudicators Manual lists "not living together since marriage" as a possible fraud indicator.

There is no question that a marriage entered into by one or both parties solely for the purpose of immigration benefits to the alien partner is a fraudulent marriage, and that USCIS has not only the power but the duty to investigate and to uncover fake marriages, and to take appropriate action once fraud has been established. Over the years, however, the old INS and the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") developed the theory that a marriage must be "viable." That is, even if the parties married in good faith, they must have maintained a marriage in which they continue to live together in relative harmony. In cases up to around 1980, the INS described disapproved marriages in such terms as "nonviable" and "factually dead."

The evolution of a precise standard

The *Bark* case, quoted, above, is very short, barely two pages, but very clearly rejects the INS/BIA "viable marriage" rationale: "The concept of establishing a life as marital partners contains no federal dictate about the kind of life that the partners may choose to lead. Any attempt to regulate their life styles, such as prescribing the amount of time they must spend together, or designating the manner in which either partner elects to spend his or her time, in the guise of specifying the require-

The Great Changes of the CNMI

At a time when dinosaurs ceased to be A mountain began to form at sea. Animals, plants, birds and bees Began to grow along with trees.

Men journeyed from far away With heads weary of a place to lay. With loaded canoes along the way Chamorro culture planned to stay.

When Spain set out to gain more land The Islands landed in their hand. They tried to kill off the tribe and band All after Captain Ferdinand.

Germany purchased the land from Spain Which seemed to be done almost in vain. Owning the land for fifteen years Before the Great War brought many tears.

Japan took over during the war Using the islands like never before. Growing crops and fishing more Life on the islands began to soar.

Not long after Japan made way America attacked the land one day. Trying to keep the war at bay The U.S. built a strip for the Enola Gay.

America gained the land to be That sat on top of the majestic sea. Reminded daily of this memory The CNMI is proud of its history.

Ryan Smith Gualo Rai, Saipan ments of bona fide marriage would raise serious constitutional questions. Aliens cannot be required to have more conventional or more successful marriages than citizens."

Bark is from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the federal appeals circuit in which the CNMI is located; the case has been cited at least 83 times in the federal courts, including 37 citations in Ninth Circuit cases. In a 1977 case, Whetstone, the Ninth Circuit elaborated on Bark: "There is no requirement that a marriage, entered into in good faith, must last any certain number of days, months or years. Much less is there any requirement that a bona fide and lasting marital relationship (whatever that may mean) exists as of the time the INS questions the validity of the marriage."

Despite *Bark, Whetstone* and cases from other federal courts, the INS and the BIA continued for some time to try to determine whether a marriage was viable before granting permanent residence based on that marriage. Finally, in 1978, in *Chan v. Bell*, a District of Columbia case, the judge boiled over. It is another short case, only 6 pages, and is good reading for those who, like us, are fond of legal invective.

Chan involved college sweethearts who married after courting for several years. They married in January, and the U.S. citizen wife filed for her husband's green card in February. They bought property together, but in July separated. They remained on good terms, considered themselves still married, and managed their property together. The INS termed their marriage a sham, and the BIA agreed. The Chan judge first stated that the government must approve a petition for permanent residence once it determines that facts stated in the petition are true, and the alien is an immediate relative of a U.S. citizen, and that the government "is required to approve any true petition of a spouse of an American citizen." The judge first dismantled the government's case:

First. There is no support for [the government's] interpretation of the language of the [Immigration & Nationality Act ("INA") which] explicitly directs the Attorney General to grant immediate relative status to the spouse of an American citizen, without any reference whatever to marriage viability or solidity. Indeed, [the INA]...excludes from the definition of "spouse" only those situations "where the contracting parties (to the marriage ceremony) are not physically present in the presence of each other," and even that condition is waived when "the marriage shall have been consummated...

Second. The [INS'] interpretation is unsupported by its own and the Department of Justice's regulations. No rule or regulation issued by the Attorney General or the Immigration and Naturalization Service requires the existence of a "viable" marriage as a precondition to the grant of immediate relative status. ...

Third. There is no support for [the government's] interpretation in the judicial case law.

Fourth. The construction proposed by the [INS] is inherently incompatible with due process, as it would vest in that agency an unreasonably wide, and essentially unreviewable, discretion to determine which marriages are or are not viable. ...

And then the judge took off his gloves, after reviewing different cases in which the INS had used different facts to hold various marriages nonviable:

The disparate results in these representative decisions demonstrate the inherent unworkability of a standard which permits the Immigration and Naturalization Service to guess which marriages are likely to survive and which ones are not. Certainly in the absence of clear congressional direction, e.g., statutory language that only viable marriages are to be regarded as valid for purposes of the immigration laws, together with a precise definition of viability that standard is untenable. The Immigration and Naturalization

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune





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Service clearly could not, consistently with due process of law, be regarded as vested with both the authority to establish the vague and elusive concept of marriage viability and the enormous power to regulate and enforce that concept in actual practice.

[The INS's] departure from domestic relations law... represents an intrusion into the most sensitive and private areas of life and has extremely dangerous implications. INS has no expertise in the field of predicting the stability and growth potential of marriages if indeed anyone has and it surely has no business operating in that field.

The *Chan* judge also noted that the requirement that a marriage viable at the time the government makes it decision would make the fate of a permanent residence petition dependent on the backlog in the district office handling the adjudication. Because the Chans' marriage was legally valid when they married and when the petition was filed, the government "has not the slightest authority under any law to declare that marriage to be invalid by terming it to be no longer viable."

Chan was a 1978 case. In a 1980 case, the BIA surrendered, stating that it found the *Chan* judge's reasoning "persuasive."

How does separation affect your green card application? We believe it is well established, for decades, that the government cannot deny a married applicant's green card solely on the basis that the husband and wife are currently separated. But it is equally well established that USCIS can investigate to determine whether the marriage was real in the first place. What part does a couple's current separation play in that determination? The cases indicate a number of possible fraudulent marriage factors in which separation is implicated, including the following:

- Not living together since marriage, especially if the marriage was not consummated;
- Length of separation;
- Reason for the separation (obviously, separations caused by military service, attendance at school or distant jobs will be considered differently from years of simple abandonment);
- Whether the parties have been legally separated by court order, or have signed a separation agreement (generally, end of story, even without a divorce decree).

Bottom line: Can USCIS deny permanent residence to a U.S. citizen's spouse based solely on the fact that they are currently separated? No, but USCIS can and will consider the nature of the separation. If, combined with other negative factors, it appears that the marriage was a sham from the beginning, it can and will deny the application And you can be sure that if you and your spouse are separated, your application will receive very close scrutiny.

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Again, thank you sincerely for your generous contributions and continued support throughout the years.

Ray Dela Cruz Mayor of Tinian

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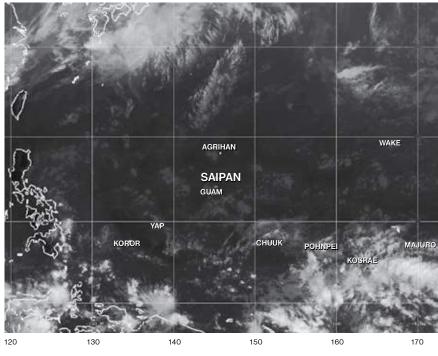
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C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sengebau Poetry **Competition tonight**

Junior high and high school students from around the Commonwealth will compete in the 7th Annual Sengebau Poetry Competition to be held at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park, beginning at 6:30pm. The public is cordially invited to attend this event sponsored annually by the NMI Council for the Humanities to foster local literary capabilities. (PR)

Kagman High's 'Junior Night' cancelled

To all parents and guardians of Kagman High School's Junior Class (11th graders), Junior Night, originally scheduled for today April 13, 2010, has been cancelled until further notice. For any questions, call the school's office at 237-3840. **(PR)**

Free whale and dolphin identification workshop today

The Coastal Resources Management Office will be hosting a whale and dolphin identification training workshop today, April 13 at 2pm. The public is welcome to attend this free workshop to learn more about the CNMI's cetaceans and how to identify them from boat or shore. The workshop will be held at the CRM conference room. Please note: the CRM office has moved to its new location on Middle Road in Spring Plaza, south of and on the opposite side of Ace Hardware or just north of and on the same side of the street as XO Market. For additional information, contact John Starmer, CRM, at 664-8303. (CRMO)

Public hearing today on austerity bill

The Office of Senator Jovita Taimanao will be hosting a public hearing on the proposed austerity bill at the Kagman Community Center today, April 13, at 6pm. All residents are strongly urged to attend this public hearing. (PR)

SSHA report cards out Thursday

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School students: Term 3 report cards are scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, April 15, 2010, from 3pm to 6pm, at the Counseling Office. All students will be released at 12:50pm. Please join us. (PR)

Memorial Day meeting today

May 31, 2010, is Memorial Day, a day when the CNMI pays tribute and remembrance to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the fruits of freedom. This is to let anyone interested in being a part of the 2010 Memorial Day Committee that the committee is meeting every Tuesday at 9am at the Office of the Military and Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill building 1364. Everyone is welcome. (PR)

Notice of meeting to **Precinct III residents**

The members of the House of Representatives from Election Precinct III will be conducting its first village meeting on April 21, 2010, Wednesday, at 6:30pm, at the Garapan Central Park. All residents of Precinct III (Capitol Hill, Sadog Tasi, Upper and Lower Navy Hill, Garapan, Gualo Rai, Chalan Laolao, Chalan Kiya and San Jose) are kindly urged to attend this important meeting. The Mayor of Saipan and representatives from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Workforce Investment Agency (WIA) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will also be present to provide information that are necessary and important for the residents of Precinct III. (PR)

Ongoing Air Force training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force is currently conducting training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla until April 16, from 6:30am to 8pm. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10

nautical mile radius on all quadrants. The general public especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated. (USN)

UOG recruitment drive on Rota, Tinian and Saipan

The University of Guam will visit Rota, Tinian, and Saipan during the month of April as part of their annual recruitment drive. A team from UOG's Enrollment Management and Student Services will share information about admission procedures, financial aid, and academic programs with high school seniors and their parents during the following days and times:

■ April 16: Rota High School beginning at 9am ■ April 19: Saipan Multi-purpose Center at 6pm ■ April 20:

Tinian High School beginning at 10am Math and English placement tests will be administered at various CNMI high schools. For more information or to schedule a placement test at a high school in the CNMI, contact Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services, at 735-2292 or julieuh@uguam.uog.edu. For additional information on registration deadlines visit www.uog. edu/registrationinformation. (UoG)

NMC Charter Day set; vendors invited

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day Committee has set the date of the celebration for May 7, 2010. It will be 29 years this April since NMC was first chartered.

The committee is inviting agencies, businesses, clubs, and other civic organizations to participate in the celebration. Organizations may purchase booth space for the following categories: food/drink, specialty drinks (e.g., coffee coolers or pearl shakes), games booths, retail (arts and crafts, toys, etc), and information.

The deadline to submit applications for booth spaces is on April 26, 2010. Booth space is limited, so applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

For application forms, requirements, or for more information, contact Alaysha Muna at 234-5498 Ext. 1300 or email alaysham@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Kagman Elementary calendar of activities

- April 1-30, 2010: Open registration begins for SY 2010-2011 for new enrollee (student) from kindergarten to grade 5 students. Parents and guardians must provide the following documents:
- Child's birth certificate
- Health certificate (clearance from CHC)
- Health insurance or accident insurance
- 4. Map of residence

Kagman School Zone: Kagman 1, 2, 3, 4, Papago, and south of Asteo area. If your child attended another school prior to registering at Kagman Elementary, parents or guardians must provide child's withdrawal form from the last school attended and other academic records, such report cards. Re-registration for all ongoing or current students also begins for Kinder to grade 5 students. Registration forms will be provided to all ongoing students by their homeroom teachers. Parents or guardians are asked to help your child complete the registration form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

- April 11-14: Accreditation WASC team visit begins with parents on April 11, 2010 at 5pm in the school cafeteria. Parents and guardians are invited to join us in this important event. The accreditation WASC team will be at the school on April 12, 13, and 14. On April 14 at 3pm the WASC visiting team will report to all staff and stakeholders.
- April 21: 3rd Quarter report cards will be distributed on April 21, from 1:30pm to 4:30pm in the students' respective homeroom classroom. Students will be released early at 12pm. Parents and guardians are encouraged to meet with your child's homeroom teacher in order to be informed about your child's 3rd Quarter report card progress.

Business

EURO GOVERNMENTS OFFER GREECE:

30 billion euro backstop

again to halt a debt crisis that has hammered the euro, fellow eurozone governments tossed struggling Greece a financial lifeline Sunday, saying they would make euro30 billion in loans available this year alone if Athens asks for the money.

The International Monetary Fund stands ready to chip in another euro10 billion, said Olli Rehn, the EU monetary affairs chief.

The promise—filling in details of a March 25 pledge of joint eurozone-IMF help-was another attempt to calm markets that have been selling off Greek bonds in recent days.

Markets viewed the March pledge as too vague and carrying such tough restrictions that Greece could not easily get the money. As a result, investors demanded high rates to loan to the government as it struggles to avoid default—rates the government says it can't go on paying. Greece has some euro54 billion in debt coming due this year and a huge budget deficit.

In an emergency video conference, the finance ministers of the 16-eurozone nations agreed on a complex three-year financing formula that generates an interest rate of "around 5 percent."

This is less than commercial market rates—which have



European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Sunday April 11, 2010.

soared above 7 percent on Greek 10-year borrowing in recent weeks as the debt crisis dragged on-but more than beneficiaries of IMF usually pay. European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have insisted that Greece not get below-market interest rates amounting to an EU subsidy for its past bad behavior.

"This is certainly no subsidy" to Greece, Rehn told a news conference.

The test of Sunday's announcement will be whether it restores confidence that Greece will not default and gives it a chance to

borrow normally at lower rates. Under last week's rates, Greece would have had to pay more than twice what Germany pays.

The danger is that interest payments themselves begin to sink the budget despite severe cutbacks imposed in recent days. A Greek default would be a serious blow to the euro, rattle markets and inflict losses on European banks that have bought Greek government bonds.

Greek Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said Greece had not asked for the plan to be activated, and still hoped to borrow on markets rather than seeking a rescue

Survey: Recovery to remain sluggish into 2011

WASHINGTON (AP)—The pillars of Americans' financial security—jobs and home values will stay shaky well into 2011, according to an Associated Press survey of leading economists.

The findings of the new AP Economy Survey, released Monday, point to an economic recovery that will move slowly and fitfully this year and next. As a result, the Federal Reserve will be forced to keep interest rates near zero until at least the final quarter of this year, threefourths of the economists said.

The new AP survey, which will be conducted quarterly, compiles forecasts of leading private, corporate and academic economists on a range of indicators, including employment, home prices and inflation. Among the first survey's key findings:

■ The unemployment rate will stay stubbornly high the next two years. It will inch down to 9.3 percent by the end of this year and to 8.4 percent by the end of 2011. The rate has been 9.7 percent since January. When the recession started in December 2007,

unemployment was 5 percent.

- Home prices will remain almost flat for the next two years, even after plunging an average 30 percent nationally since their peak in 2006. The economists forecast no rise this year and a 2.3 percent gain next year.
- The economy will grow 3 percent this year, which is less than usual during the early phase of a recovery and the reason unemployment will stay high. It takes growth of 5 percent for a year to lower the jobless rate by 1 percentage point, economists say.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Airlines did a better job for passengers in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fewer passengers evidence this weekend at an international meetboarded planes last year, but those who did were generally treated better than in the past. A new report finds that overall in 2009 flights were more likely to land on time and bags less likely to get lost. Passengers, as a result, reported fewer complaints—even while cash-strapped airlines reduced flight schedules and charged for everything from bags and pillows to prime spots in boarding lines. U.S. air travel surged to 770 million passengers in 2007. Last year there were nearly 70 million fewer passengers boarding planes.

Setbacks lead China to tone down anti-US rhetoric

BOAO, China (AP)—China is softening its recent muscular global posture, muting criticisms of the U.S. at a time of delicate negotiations with Washington and simmering economic troubles at home. The rhetorical respite comes as President Hu Jintao heads to Washington this week, after months of friction with the U.S., and was in full ing designed to showcase China's growing reach as an economic and diplomatic powerhouse. Senior Chinese officials repeatedly sidestepped major issues roiling the global economy.

Oil rises to \$85 as Europe offers Greece bailout

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose above \$85 a barrel Monday in Asia after a massive loan offer to Greece by European countries helped weaken the dollar, making crude cheaper for investors holding euros. Benchmark crude for May delivery was up 50 cents to \$85.42 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 47 cents to settle at \$84.92 on Friday. The finance ministers of the 15 eurozone nations agreed Sunday to offer euro 30 billion (\$40 billion) in loans to Greece this year if Athens asks for the money.

Nation

Obama: Al-Qaida would use nuke if it could

WASHINGTON (AP)—If al-Qaida acquired nuclear weapons it "would have no compunction at using them," President Barack Obama said Sunday on the eve of a summit aimed at finding ways to secure the world's nuclear stockpile.

"The single biggest threat to U.S. security, both short-term, medium-term and long-term, would be the possibility of a terrorist organization obtaining a nuclear weapon," Obama said. "This is something that could change the security landscape in this country and around the world for years to come."

"If there was ever a detonation in New York City, or London, or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically and from a security perspective would be devastating," the president said.

"We know that organizations like al-Qaida are in the process of trying to secure nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, and would have no compunction at using them," Obama said.

The Nuclear Security Summit of more than 40 world leaders in Washington this week is aimed at securing "loose nuclear material," Obama said. He was holding one-on-one meetings Sunday with several of those leaders.

He said other world leaders have offered "very specific approaches to how we can solve this profound international problem."

Obama singled out South Africa for giving up its nuclear program, and said it "has been a strong, effective leader in the international community on nonproliferation issues. South Africa has special standing in being a moral leader on this issue."

South African President Jacob



President Barack Obama speaks to members of the media during his meeting with South Africa's President Jacob Zuma, in advance of the Nuclear Security Summit, at Blair House in Washington, Sunday.

Securing nuclear material

A goal of the Nuclear Security Summit is to get the world's unprotected highly enriched uranium (HEU) secure to keep it from falling into the hands of terrorists or rogue states.

The problem

About 140 small research reactors globally are fueled with HEU largely supplied by the U.S. and former Soviet Union

Making HEU safe

U.S.-origin 3,002 lb (1,362 kg)

secured

5,183 lb (2,351 kg) secured

Soviet.-origin



PETTUS, W.Va. (AP)—A pair of tall

· Retrieval takes years of planning and diplomacy

What it takes

• U.S. is the only country with the expertise and technology to safely dispose of HEU

• U.S. has so far helped convert or verify shutdown of 67 reactors in 32 countries

heard Ricky Workman's name among

Zuma was among the leaders Obama met with Sunday at Blair House, across from the White House. Others included Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

"I feel very good at this stage in the degree of commitment and a sense of urgency that I have seen from the world leaders so far on this issue," Obama said. "We think we can make enormous progress on this, and this then becomes part and parcel of the broader focus that we've had over the last several weeks."

Last Thursday, Obama and Russian President Dmitri Medvedev signed a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty that reduces each side's deployed nuclear arsenal to 1,550 weapons. Earlier in the week, Obama approved a new nuclear policy for the United States, vowing to reduce America's nuclear arsenal, refrain from nuclear tests and not use nuclear weapons against countries

that do not have them. Obama said securing loose nuclear

arms is "a central part of the process, but probably the most urgent one and the one we are most concerned with in the short term "

After his remarks, Obama met with Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani. The White House said Obama praised Pakistan for its quick reaction to an attack by Islamic militants against a U.S. consulate in northwestern Pakistan last week. Obama also reiterated that the U.S. and Pakistan are facing a common enemy.

Only 55 lb. (25 kg) of HEU needed to make a nuclear bomb that could devistate a city

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Churchgoers honor 29 dead miners-

and profession

black boots and a lunch pail sat near the them for the first time. altar Sunday at the New Life Assem-"I know his child. I know his wife. bly church—a memorial to the 29 men He's a part of my family. He's a part of my life," Williams said, tears falling. killed in the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1970 and a thank-you to those who "Over time, our hearts and the emptimake their living inside the mountains. ness that we have inside will fade away, This day, the first Sunday since last but I don't never want to forget what

Monday's explosion killed 28 workhappened April 5, 2010." ers and a contractor at Massey Energy Some of those who died have al-Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine in Montready been laid to rest. Crews worked coal, was for many a time to honor the Sunday to remove the bodies of several profession. Tears of mourning fell, and others who didn't make it out, but the arms swayed in worship among the 50 recovery had to be halted because of people gathered at the church. high gas readings in the mine. Crews Pastor Gary Williams, who has need to drill another hole to vent the

worked at Massey Energy mines for 18 mine before they can continue. years, knew many of the victims. On Four funerals were held Friday, with his way to church Sunday morning, he more scheduled for the weekend. Nearly two dozen will follow in the weeks ahead. Despite hope that four missing miners might survive long enough for rescuers to reach them, officials announced early Saturday morning that the four had apparently died instantly.

A complete list of victims has yet to be released. Two other miners were injured in the blast, and one remains hospitalized.

A team of federal investigators will arrive Monday as officials try to figure out what caused the blast. Virginiabased Massey has been under scrutiny for a string of safety violations at the mine, though CEO Don Blankenship has defended the company's record and disputed accusations that he puts profits ahead of safety.

ACROSS THE NATION

CA protest seeks **Social Security** benefits for gays

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Protesters chanting slogans and carrying signs marched in Hollywood Sunday to demand equal Social Security benefits for same-sex couples. About 700 peaceful demonstrators walked more than a mile to rally outside the Hollywood Social Security Administration office, said Lorri L. Jean, CEO of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. "This was the kickoff for a national campaign to end discrimination when it comes to Social Security," Jean said. "We not only have to educate the straight community, but we have to educate our own. Many don't know how it works until they're older and faced with having been denied benefits."

Incinerator project churns up Pa. capital's cash

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—This capital city was near total collapse three decades ago-its department stores, theaters and trolleys were gone, replaced by vacant buildings and streets devoid of any nightlife. A huge effort, thanks partly to an energetic mayor,

brought the Susquehanna River city of 47,000 back from the brink. Today, professionals and state office workers pack the restaurants, hotels and arts venues that helped restore its respectability. Along the way, city leaders thought they could transform their aging, debt-laden trash incinerator into a clean, efficient moneymaker. But costs exploded and massive debt payments due this year on the incinerator threaten to drag the city into bankruptcy.

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Authorities in Southern California's Riverside County say 30 people have been cited and more than three dozen roosters euthanized after a raid on an illegal cockfighting ring near the Salton Sea. The county Department of Animal Services said in a news release that sheriff's deputies and animal control officers stormed the ring in the North Shore area Sunday. The agency says deputies stationed on off-road vehicles intercepted people as they attempted to flee into the surrounding desert. Three roosters were already bloody from early-morning fighting. The department says 37 birds were seized and euthanized.

Miss. gov says Confederacy flap not worth 'diddly' NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The dust- humane" after being criticized for re- on CNN's "State of the Union."

up over Virginia's proclamation for Confederate History Month seems like a lot of noise over something that "doesn't amount to diddly," Mississippi's governor said in an interview aired Sunday.

Virginia's Republican governor, Bob McDonnell, apologized for leaving out of his proclamation any reference to slavery. He added language to the decree calling slavery "evil and inviving what many Virginians believe is an insensitive commemoration of its Confederate past.

Fellow GOP Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi said he doesn't think the proclamation was a mistake.

"To me, it's a sort of feeling that it's a nit, that it is not significant, that it's not a—it's trying to make a big deal out of something (that) doesn't amount to diddly," Barbour said in the interview aired

Last year, Barbour issued a similar proclamation in his state that did not mention slavery. He also noted that his state has a holiday, Confederate Memorial Day, that has been maintained by Democratic and Republican governors and the state's majority-Democrat legislature. The state also honors the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Confederate general Robert E. Lee on the same day in January.

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Asia

Thai protesters parade coffins after clashes

shirted protesters paraded coffins through Thailand's capital Monday in a renewed attempt to pressure the government to step down after street fighting left 21 people dead, pushing this Southeast Asian nation closer to political anarchy.

Neither side appeared willing to end a political stalemate that exploded on Saturday when protesters and security forces clashed on the streets of Bangkok for several hours, resulting in the worst bloodshed seen in Thailand in almost two decades. Both sides claim to be fighting to preserve democracy.

"Red Shirts will never negotiate with murderers," protest leader Jatuporn Prompan announced from a makeshift stage. "Although the road is rough and full of obstacles, it's our duty to honor the dead by bringing democracy to this country."

The anti-government protesters are made up of mostly poor and rural supporters of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who have massed in the city dressed in red shirts over the past month. On the other side is the government of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, whom the red shirts see as a symbol of the ruling elite they say orchestrat-



Anti-government supporters attend a funeral procession on Monday April 12, 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. Red Shirts protesters paraded coffins and portraits of victims through the Thai capital Monday following a weekend of savage street fighting

ed the 2006 military coup that removed Thaksin from power amid corruption allegations.

The Thai stock market plunged 4 percent when it opened for business Monday amid fears of more unrest as tens of thousands of demonstrators came out in a massive

Like a gigantic red snake, the line of pickup trucks, mo-

South

(AP)—A South Korean man has

been arrested for allegedly spy-

ing for Pyongyang and working

with its military to kidnap activ-

ists who helped North Koreans

The 55-year-old man, who

was arrested last week and

who denies the charges, is ac-

cused of taking up the spy job

after meeting a female North

Korean agent in 1999 in Chi-

na's eastern Shandong prov-

ince, where he was believed to

be engaged in drug trafficking,

the official said on condition of

anonymity because an investi-

gation was ongoing.

defect, officials said Monday.

torcycles and other vehicles wound its way through the main roads of Bangkok. They carried 11 coffins with bodies of those killed in Saturday's violence, said Weng Tojira-

karn, a protest leader.

Four soldiers and 17 civilians were killed, including a Thomson Reuters news agency cameraman, according to Reuters and the government's Erawan ment was conducting autopsies on nine bodies Monday.

Both sides accuse each other of firing battlefield weapons during the confrontation.

"These are the heroes of democracy," a protest leader shouted Monday from a loudspeaker mounted atop a truck.

"We want to see shame on Abhisit's face. We want him to take responsibility for this slaughter of innocents," said a woman who identified herself only as Thip.

The procession started at Phan Fa Bridge, located in the historic section of Bangkok and one of the two bases of the protesters. It drove through the modern commercial heart of the city along Phetburi Road, Rama IV Road and past the vegetable and meat market of Klong Toev.

The disruptive protests began a month ago, taking the protesters' demands-for Abhisit to dissolve Parliament and call new elections—to a new level.

Unconfirmed reports in local newspapers said political parties in the coalition government were pressuring Abhisit to compromise with the "Red Shirt" protesters by dissolving Parliament in the next six months instead of by year's end, as he had earlier proposed.

ASIAN BRIEFS

7.1-magnitude quake strikes off Solomon Islands

ADELAIDE. Australia (AP)—A powerful earthquake struck off the Solomon Islands on Sunday, but a monitoring agency said a tsunami was not expected. The U.S. Geological Survey said the 7.1-magnitude quake hit southwest of the island chain's Kira Kira island in the South Pacific. The temblor's epicenter was about 130 miles (210 kilometers) southeast of the capital, Honiara. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center says a destructive wave is not expected. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The Solomon Islands is a country of nearly 1,000 islands that lie on the "Ring of Fire"—an arc of earthquake and volcanic zones that stretches around the Pacific Rim and where about 90 percent of the world's quakes occur.

Medical parole rejected for jailed China dissident

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities have rejected a request for medical parole for a dissident who has championed AIDS victims and was imprisoned for sedition after being accused of plotting to disturb the Olympic Games, his wife said Monday. Zeng Jinyan appealed

last week to Beijing prison authorities, saying a medical consent form for her husband Hu Jia when he entered a prison hospital last month showed a possible diagnosis of liver cancer. The appeal brought immediate support from some human rights groups, and a petition in Chinese backing the medical parole has been circulating online. But a prison hospital director called Hu's mother Monday morning and said the request for parole had been rejected, and that Hu has been moved from the hospital back to prison, Zeng said.

Afghan official: 4 civilians killed by NATO troops

troops opened fire on a civilian bus early Monday in a southern Afghan city, killing four people and wounding 18, the local governor's spokesman said. NATO was sending investigators to the scene but didn't immediately say its troops were responsible for the shooting in Kandahar. The governor's spokesman, Zelmai Ayubi, said the shooting occurred soon after daybreak and that international troops took 12 of the wounded to a military hospital. Ayubi said the provincial government strongly condemned the shooting.

The man, surnamed Kim, allegedly traveled to Pyongyang in 2000 for 15 days of spy training and received \$10,000 and 4.4 pounds (2 kilograms) of narcotics from the North, the official said.

The suspect was sent back to China and started abducting South Korean activists who were helping North Koreans defect from their impoverished, authoritarian homeland. The kidnapped Koreans were sent to the North in cooperation with the female agent, the official said.

The man also kidnapped North Korean defectors hiding in China and forced them back to the North. He also tried

Prosecutors arrest SKorean for spying for NKorea to gather information on South Korean intelligence officers operating in Chinese towns near North Korea, the official said.

> Prosecution spokesman Oh Se-in confirmed the man's arrest, saying he allegedly violated the National Security Law, which carries the death penalty as a maximum sentence. The suspect denied the charges, Oh said.

> Oh declined to disclose how many activists and defectors the man has allegedly kidnapped.

Activists claim tens of thousands of North Koreans live in hiding in China after fleeing the North to avoid a harsh political

system, poverty and chronic food shortages. If repatriated, they could face severe punishment such as forced labor and years in prison, experts and activists say.

An undisclosed number of South Korean activists and missionaries also secretly operate in China to smuggle North Koreans from their homeland and shelter and feed defectors before they take refuge in South Korea, the U.S. and elsewhere in the world.

The man was arrested Thursday while making a temporary visit to South Korea, the offi-

Indonesian police arrest Pakistan: 41 militants, 2 6 suspected terrorists

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)— Indonesian police arrested six men Sunday with suspected ties to a new terror group based in the western province of Aceh, including one believed to be a key militant strategist involved in a 2004 bomb attack on the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, police said.

The six were arrested in Medan, the capital of nearby North Sumatra province, after police spotted a suspicious vehicle parked near a city landmark in the pre-dawn hours with several men inside, said provincial police chief Maj. Gen. Oegroseno. The men fled on foot as police attempted to search the van, but one suspect was found inside with signs of a previous gunshot wound to his hand, said Oegroseno, who like many Indonesians

That man is believed to be 35-year-old Abu Musa, a suspect in the embassy attack who was wounded in his hand during a firefight with police in Aceh last month, said a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not au-

thorized to speak to the media.

uses only a single name.

soldiers die in fighting

PARACHINAR, Pakistan fled there to escape other (AP)—More than 100 militants armed with rockets and automatic weapons attacked two security checkpoints in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, sparking intense fighting that left at least 41 insurgents and two soldiers dead, officials said.

The clashes were the latest violence in the Orakzai tribal region, where the military launched an operation in March to rout Pakistani Taliban fighters who have

offensives. More than 300 suspected militants have been killed in three weeks of constant airstrikes and occasional ground clashes.
The U.S. has applauded

Pakistan's push to go after militants in the volatile border area near Afghanistan. But American officials would like the country to do more to target those fighters who have been staging cross-border attacks against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

World

Poles grieve over president killed in plane crash

Poland's government moved swiftly Sunday to show that it was staying on course after the deaths of its president and dozens of political, military

WARSAW, Poland (AP)— as tens of thousands of Poles tral bank was named Sunday, expressed their grief over the plane crash in Russia that shocked the country.

New acting chiefs of the military were already in place and and religious leaders, even an interim director of the cen-

with work running as usual, said Pawel Gras, a government

It was a rare positive note on a day wracked by grief for the 96 dead and laced with reminders of Poland's dark history with its powerful neighbor. The Saturday crash occurred in thick fog near the Katyn forest, where Josef Stalin's secret police in 1940 systematically executed thousands of Polish military officers in the western Soviet Union.

President Lech Kaczynski and those aboard the aging Soviet-built plane had been headed there to honor the dead. A preliminary analysis showed the plane had been working fine, a Russian investigator said.

Tens of thousands of Poles softly sang the national anthem and tossed flowers at the hearse carrying the 60-yearold Kaczynski's body Sunday to the presidential palace after it was returned from Russia's Smolensk airport, the site of the crash.

The coffin bearing the president's remains were met first by his daughter Marta, whose mother, the first lady, Maria Kaczynska, also perished in the crash. She knelt before it, her forehead resting on the coffin.

She was followed by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the former prime minister, and the president's twin brother. He, too, knelt and pressed his head against the flag-draped coffin before rising slowly and crossing himself.

Standing sentinel were four Polish troopers bearing sabers. There was no sign of the twins' ailing mother Jadwiga, who has been hospitalized. The president had canceled several foreign

trips lately to be by her side.

The coffin was placed aboard a Mercedes-Benz hearse and slowly traveled several miles to the palace, watched by thousands of weeping Poles.

"He taught Poles how to respect our traditions, how to fight for our dignity, and he made his sacrifice there at that tragic place," said mourner Boguslaw Staron, 70.

Allawi's secularism may not fly in today's Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—In a nation where religion and politics have become nearly inseparable, can a secular politician be prime minister of Iraq?

The question has moved to the heart of Iraq's complex politics after a coalition led by secular Shiite Ayad Allawi emerged as the biggest vote winner in last month's elections, winning 91 of the legislature's 325 seats, edging out a bloc led by the incumbent, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, by only two seats.

Allawi served as prime minister in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq, but that was only because he was hand-picked by the Americans when they formally ended their occupation of the country in June 2004.

It's a different story now. Both of the post-Saddam prime ministers who came to office through elections—Ibrahim al-Jaafari and al-Maliki—were members of a religious Shiite party. Now religious parties and even top clerics maneuver to try to ward off a leader they

see as not Shiite enough.

It's not just because he is secular. Allawi's Iraqiya coalition won because of solid support by the country's oncedominant Sunni Arab minority. That taints Allawi in the eyes of many Shiites, some of whom see his coalition as a scheme to return to power the community that under Saddam oppressed the majority Shiites and fed the ranks of the insurgency after 2003.

"Allawi does not represent the Shiites," said a senior official from one of the country's largest religious Shiite parties, the Iranian-backed Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, or SIIC.

"Only politicians who regularly call on the country's top Shiite clerics in Najaf for advice represent the Shiites," said the official, referring to the ayatollahs in the holy city south of Baghdad who wield major political influence. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the subject's sensitivity.



The daughter of late Polish President Lech Kaczynski, Marta, walks past soldiers after kneeling in front of her father's coffin, partially visible at right, during a ceremony at the military airport in Warsaw, Poland,

Kyrgyzstan's deposed president gathers supporters

TEYIT, Kyrgyzstan (AP)— Kyrgyzstan's deposed president on Monday rallied supporters in his home village, testing his ability to mount resistance to the opposition forces that drove him out of the capital last week.

As about 500 people gathered in a muddy field in Kurmanbek Bakiyev's native village of Teyit, the deputy head of the self-declared interim government said in the capital that an operation to arrest Bakiyev was being organized.

"Just let him try. If he does, much blood will be shed," Bakiyev told reporters who asked him about the statement by Almazbek Atambayev.

Atambayev did not give details about the arrest plans, but said "we do not want fresh bloodshed."

At least 81 people died in the capital last Wednesday when a confrontation between police and protesters exploded into gunfire and chaos. Protesters stormed government buildings and Bakiyev fled to his native southern region.

He has refused to step down and the rally in Teyit brought an array of speakers who vowed their support and waved banners with slogans such as "Hands off the legitimate president."

There were no uniformed police in view at the rally, and the loyalty of the country's security forces remains a significant question.

The stalemate has left Kyrgyzstan's near-term stability in doubt. That worries the West because a U.S. air base in Kyrgyzstan is crucial in the military campaign against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Atambayev, echoing previous statements by interim government leader Roza Otunbayeva, said the base's status will be discussed with the United States and "we shall decide everything in a civilized way."

Many Kyrgyz oppose the base and Atambayev expressed deep ambivalence.



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Source: CIA World Factbook, Reuters Graphic: Melina Yingling

Hungary's ruling Socialists suffer stinging defeat **BUDAPEST**, Hungary (AP)—

WORLD BRIEFS

Hungary's center-right party reclaimed the right to govern on Sunday, winning over 50 percent of the vote and handing the ruling Socialists a humiliating defeat. Extreme rightists backed by black clad paramilitary troops took more than 15 percent to come in third. While widely forecast, the strong gain of the extreme right Jobbik party represented the greatest political shake-up of the election, shattering Hungary's traditional post-communist status quo of a parliament dominated by the center right and the left. Fidesz's landslide victory had been expected by pollsters and its result of 52.8 percent in the first round translated into 206 seats for now in the 386-seat legislature.

Police bar Cuba's 'Ladies in White' from marching

HAVANA (AP)—Police broke up a weekly march by wives and mothers of imprisoned Cuban opposition leaders Sunday, forcing them onto a bus and driving them home as a pro-government crowd screamed insults. Uniformed police and plainclothes security agents blocked a sidewalk along Havana's Fifth Avenue, stopping five members of the "Damas de Blanco," or "Ladies in White," from following their traditional march route, said Bertha Soler, one of the group's leaders. "There was a mob of government people shouting things," Soler said when reached by phone later at the home of Laura Pollan, who co-founded the group. Soler's husband, Angel Moya, is in jail for dissident activities.

Bomb rattles British spy HQ in Northern Ireland

DUBLIN (AP)—Irish Republican Army dissidents detonated a bomb outside the British spy headquarters in Northern Ireland Monday, police said, just hours before rival Catholic and Protestant leaders were to elect a new justice minister in a longsought step in peacemaking. The Police Service of Northern Ireland said IRA dissidents held a Belfast taxi driver at gunpoint in his home and used his cab to carry the bomb to the security walls of Palace Barracks, a former British Army base that houses the Northern Ireland branch office of domestic spy agency MI5. Police said the blast at 12:24 a.m. (2324 GMT Sunday) caused no serious injuries and little damage to nearby homes in Holywood, a Belfast suburb.

Abuse charge against Catholic priest roils Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)— After three young men and a boy told police last June an Italian priest had been sexually molesting them for years at a shelter for poor children, the most senior Roman Catholic cleric in Kenya announced the church would investigate thoroughly. Ten months later. nothing has been investigated by the church, its lawyer says, and the Vatican has not been notified. The accused priest, the Rev. Renato Kizito Sesana, continues to run the facility along with other shelters on the outskirts of Nairobi. Kenyan police say they found no evidence and believe Sesana is innocent. Sesana himself has denied the allegations, saving some of his accusers may have been bribed or coerced as part of a plan to seize church assets worth up to \$5.3 million.

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Overdrive

Voice controls in the car keep eyes on the road

By SHARON SILKE CARTY

DETROIT—A Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study, commissioned by Ford Motor, has found that drivers using voice controls for electronics took their eyes off the road far less than drivers who fiddled with music players and cell phones.

Shane McLaughlin, a researcher with the Center for Automotive Safety Research at VTTI, says that as he picks apart accident reconstructions, he's left with one message: "Don't ever look down."

Say McLaughlin, "What we're finding across our studies is that if we can keep the eyes on the road, that's a big piece of the puzzle."

The study looked at 22 users of Ford's Microsoft-based Sync voice-activated controls in real-world driving situations. That's important, says McLaughlin, because many such tests done in labs fail to pick up on how drivers behave in the real world.

The study found drivers looked away from the road 2.5 times more often when using hand- rather than voice-activat-

ed controls for a phone call. It was 10 times more often for operating a music player.

Ford has heavily promoted its Sync system, but it is not the only automaker with such hands-free technology to control in-car electronics. This summer, in some 2011 models, Hyundai and Kia will start using a Microsoft-based application similar to Ford's, called Uvo.



A Pioneer voice activated navigation system and Bluetooth media controller.

UNDER THE HOOD

At 8 years, a choice: Spend on a new car, or spend on maintenance

By PAUL BRAND STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

UESTION: I bought my 2002 Buick LeSabre new, and it's probably the best car I've ever owned. It now has more than 100,000 miles on it, and I plan to keep it and use it as my main car. Should I start replacing things like spark plugs, spark plug wires or shocks? All are original; nothing has been changed. I've always lived by "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

NSWER: I've always lived by "take care of it and it will last." Which one of us is right and which is lucky?

Your LeSabre has given you great service for the first eight years, but now you've got two choices: Sell it now before you spend any money, or invest in major maintenance. The 100,000-mile service schedule in my Alldata automotive database calls for replacing the air filter, cabin filter, transmission fluid and filter, spark plugs and, because it's been eight years, engine coolant. Anticipate new shocks or struts, battery, exhaust system and muffler, brakes and tires as well.

Q: I have a 1989 VW Fox that seems to run hot. The car has 205,000 miles on it, and I enjoy driving it. The temperature

gauge runs close to "hot" even though I've replaced the fan and temperature sensor, which both seem to work. A mechanic told me that the thermostat is in the radiator and is working properly. I read in your column that the cooling system must be "burped" when it is refilled. Could air be trapped in the system?

A: Possibly, but typical symptoms of this are large fluctuations in the temp gauge caused by air reaching the water pump impeller and momentarily stalling coolant flow. On your Fox, you can bleed the cooling system by removing the thermal time switch mounted on the top of the coolant hose junction block on the spark-plug side of the engine while the engine is cold. Slowly add coolant until it escapes from the opening, then reinstall the switch.

But before you get too far into this, check the actual coolant operating temperature with either a scan tool reading the temperature sensor or an infrared temperature gun aimed at the upper radiator outlet on the engine. If the thermostat is opening properly, this should read roughly 200 to 220 degrees. By the way, the thermostat's housing is on the bottom of the water pump.

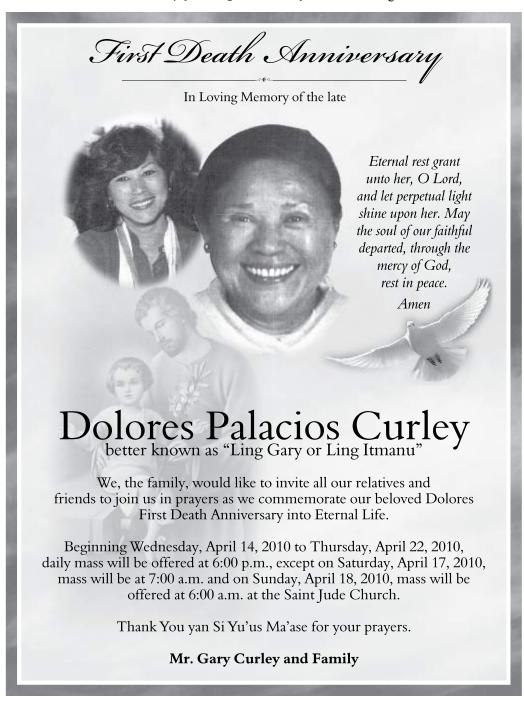
If operating temperatures are stable but higher than normal, use the infrared gun to check coolant temperature as it works its way through the radiator. Sediment might be restricting coolant flow through some of the c ore tubes toward the bottom of the radiator. Removing and having the radiator professionally cleaned — or replaced—would help this.

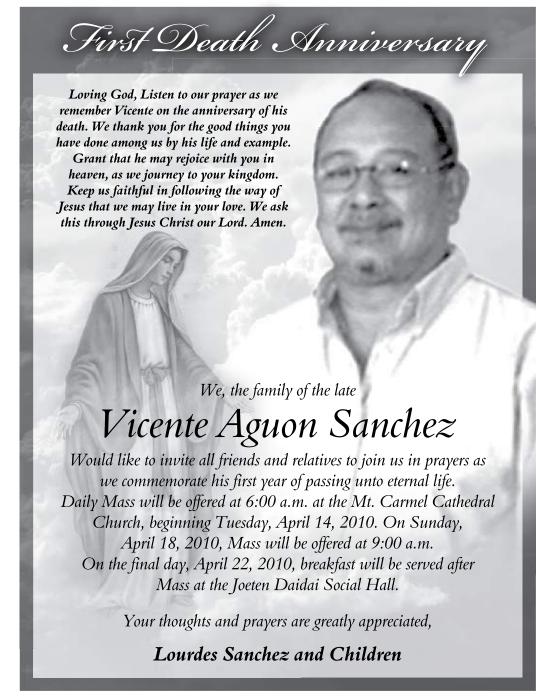
And finally, make sure the radiator fan is mounted correctly to force air through the radiator and that the A/C condenser and radiator are clean and free of debris.

Q: I have a 2005 Chevy Tahoe that has developed a whining sound under the hood. At times the whine will abate somewhat and then will be noticeably profound, especially when starting the engine and when reaching 35 to 40 miles per hour. Also, I noticed the Tahoe has a transmission fluid leak when parked on a steep incline. Is it possible that this may cause the whine?

A: Yes, if the transmission fluid is low. Keep the fluid level topped up and see if the whine goes away. Other items to check are the belt-driven accessories — alternator, water pump, power steering pump, A/C compressor and idler pulley — and the serpentine belt itself. A mechanic's stethoscope could help pinpoint the culprit.

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Life & Style

Charlie Chaplin home movie gets first US showings

By JOHN CURRAN

ONTPELIER, Vermont(AP)— As she sorted through her father Alistair Cooke's belongings after his death, Susan Cooke Kittredge came across something odd: an old 8 mm film canister with yellow tape spelling out "Chaplin

What she found inside was intriguing: "All at Sea," an 11-

minute home movie shot by a 24-year-old Cooke on a 1933 yacht cruise that included silent film great Charlie Chaplin, his "Modern Times" co-star Paulette Goddard and Alistair Cooke.

The black-and-white silent film, which shows a relaxed Chaplin aboard his boat "Panacea" miming Greta Garbo, the Prince of Wales and Napoleon, was apparently never seen, ending up amid piles of books, manuscripts and other knick-knacks in the New York apartment where he lived for 55



In this still photo of a movie released by the estate of Alistair Cooke, Charlie Chaplin is seen in an 8mm home movie made by Alistair Cooke

years before his death.

"This is something that's intrigued people for a long time," said Chaplin expert Frank Scheide, a University of Arkansas professor who has edited books on the Little Tramp. "The fact that it still exists is very exciting.

"Clearly, Cooke and Chaplin had a really good association at the time. He's really comfortable improvising before the camera," said Scheide, who has seen snippets of it.

Cooke, the refined and legendary host of "Masterpiece Theatre" on PBS and a longtime BBC correspondent, died March 30, 2004, at his New York apartment at age 95. His "Letters From America" was a radio fixture in Britain for 58 years.

After Kittredge discovered the film canister, she had the print cleaned up and restored.

Until recently, it had been shown only once—at a film festival in Italy, in 2007. On April 7, Kittredge, who lives in Shelburne, Vermont, screened it again for about 100 people in a church in Vermont's capital, part of a Vermont Humanities Council series of events.

"Modern Times" it isn't.

"I should say: It's a home movie," said Kittredge, a 61-year-old United Church of Christ pastor. "It's not a big deal. It just happens that the people on it are interesting."

Cooke was then an aspiring journalist who managed to score an interview with Chaplin that led to a friendship that spanned about two years.

He was no ace with the cam-

The movie, with crudely arranged graphics and extended shots of scenery on a weekend cruise to Catalina Island, California, shows Chaplin and

Cooke acting like old friends, arm in arm, singing and goofing around in slapstick style. At one point, Cooke has a long pipe in his mouth and Chaplin repeatedly turns his head and bumps his cheek into it.

He is also seen alone, grabbing a mop to vamp impersonations of Garbo and others, while Goddard is shown sunning herself, her head tossed back as the yacht motors to Catalina Island and back.

Dressed casually in a blazer and crew neck sweater, Chaplin looks nothing like the on-screen persona he created in "The Immigrant," 'City Lights" and "The Great Dictator."

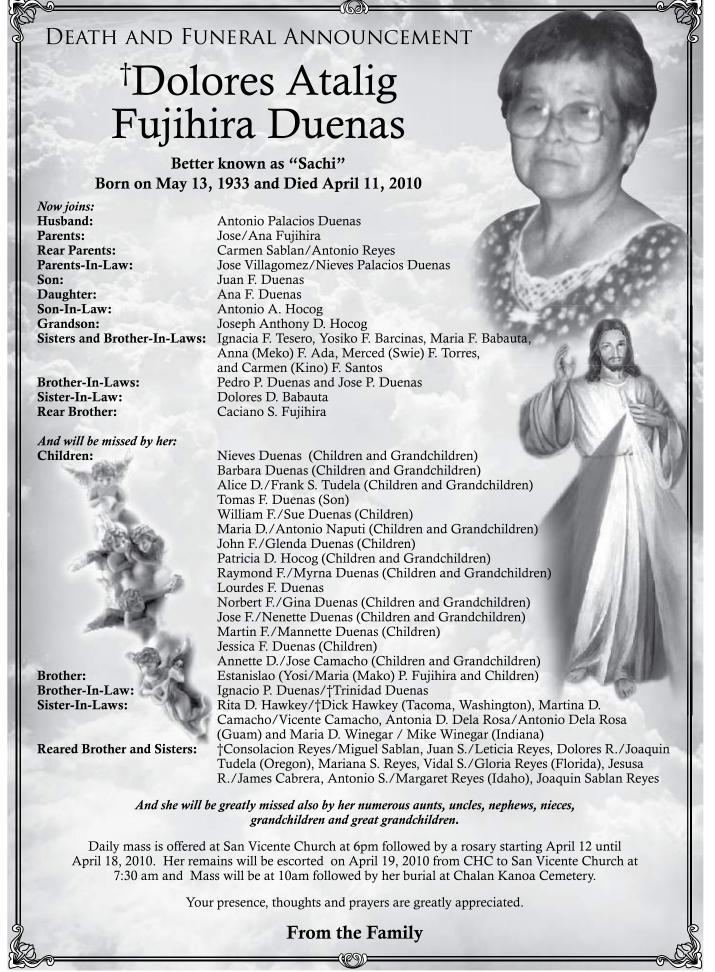
"Any window on what he was doing at this particular time is of interest," Scheide said. "On the one hand, it's a footnote, but given the two personalities and that they were working together and friends, this one is particularly intriguing."

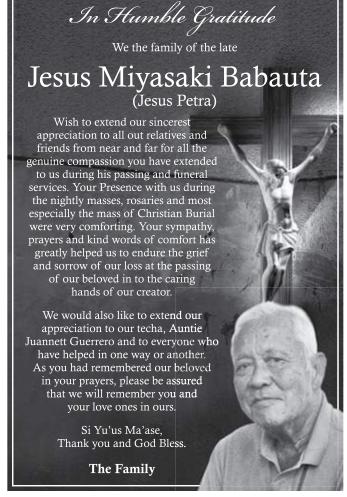
Those who watched it from pews in the Trinity United Methodist Church sat rapt, though not all were impressed.

"It was disappointing not to see more of the historical Chaplin that we know," said Alban Richey, 85, of Montpelier. "It was interesting in the sense that amateur movies of that time were so different."

Kittredge, who plans a second showing in Middlebury on May 5, as part of a lecture about her father's life, has no plans to sell the lone copy of the film, or seek a wider audience for it.

"It's one of those things where it's so valuable that you don't know what to do with it," she said. "If it weren't so valuable, it would be easier. We would never sell it. We might license rights. I haven't gotten there yet."





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In Loving Memory of +JOSE OGO DELA CRUZ Better known as "Jose Fala"

Born on July 31, 1934 and was called by his
Creator to his eternal rest on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the age of 75

In his new life, he now joins his:

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SON IN-LAW:

† Jerry S. Koshiro

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

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Denrose F. and Michelle Dela Cruz & Daughter

Apple F. Dela Cruz

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Cathy (Chiki) Florita

Edmar and Chris Monzanilla & children

Brothers: Fermin Dela Cruz

Jesus Dela Cruz John Dela Cruz

tJose is also additionally survived by numerous relatives & friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being celebrated at St. Jude Church at 6:00pm.

On Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 8:00am, his remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel in Beach Road Garapan to St. Jude Church. Responso Service will be at 8:30am followed by Holy Rosary at 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment service will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Thank you & Please join us in prayers.

THE FAMILY

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'Titans' clashes with 'Date Night' at box office



In this file publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Tina Fey, left, and Steve Carell are shown in a scene from, "Date Night."

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Fantasy • Rated PG 13

Why Did I Get Married Too?

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Janet Jackson, Tyler Perry Comedy • Rated PG 13



Hot Tub Time Machine

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John Cusack, Robert Corddry



How To Train Your Dragon

Lawrence Kasdan. The joint Legendary Films/Warner Bros. production focuses on Perseus (Sam Worthington), the mortal hero made to carry out a

series of quests by the gods in order to win the hand of the impriso

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Gerald Butler, America Ferrera Children, Family • Rated PG

Alice in Wonderland

4:15 7:15 4:15 7:15 10:00 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15 Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15 Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steve proclaim its release as the No. Carell and Tina Fey are in a 1 movie in advertising through box-office clash with the gods of Mount Olympus.

No. 1 bragging rights for the weekend were too close to call Sunday, with 20th Century Fox of movie fans, who may not

estimating a \$27.1 million debut for Carell and Fey's comedy "Date Night" and Warner Bros. reporting the action tale "Clash of the Titans" at \$26.9 million.

Rankings will be sorted out Monday when studios release final numbers, which can vary by \$1 million or more for some

films compared with Sunday estimates.

Warner executives said they tracked "Clash of the Titans" as No. 1 for a second straight weekend, with "Date Night" trailing by about \$1 million.

"I'm not complaining about it," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner. "They're certainly entitled to their own projection, and we'll see. Maybe they're right and we're wrong. Monday will tell."

Photo finishes are rare for the No. 1 spot at the box office, where one movie usually is the clear winner.

Weekend projections include fairly hard figures for Friday and Saturday but estimates for how much a movie will take in on Sunday. Studios base those estimates on such factors as how similar movies performed in past weekends.

Studios sometimes grumble that competitors inflate their Sunday numbers to make a debut look stronger.

"You can't do that," said Bert Livingston, a 20th Century Fox distribution executive. "What you do is you look up history, you come up with your bestguess scenario. The number is the number. Whatever it is, if it ends up being No. 1 or 5 or 6, we just estimate our numbers."

Winning the top spot at the box office is a valuable marketing edge, allowing a studio to

the following weekend.

Even if rankings change on Monday, it's often the Sunday figures that linger in the minds

- 1. "Date Night." \$27.1 million.
- "Clash of the Titans," \$26.9 million.
- "How to Train Your Dragon," \$25.4 million. "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?".

- "The Last Song," \$10 million.

 "Alice in Wonderland," \$5.6 million.

 "Hot Tub Time Machine," \$5.4 million.

 "The Bounty Hunter," \$4.3 million.

 "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," \$4.1 million.

 "Letters to God," \$1.3 million.

bother to check out the final numbers a day later.

"That's why everyone wants to be No. 1 on Sunday, because with the Internet, by Monday, it's kind of old news," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

"Date Night" casts Carell and Fey as a married couple whose attempt to spice up their romanafter thugs mistake them for blackmailers.

"Clash of the Titans" features Sam Worthington as a warrior caught in a battle between men and the gods in ancient Greece.

> The movie raised its 10-day total to \$110.5 million.

Running a close No. 3 was DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon," which took in \$25.4 million, lifting its 17day total to \$133.9 million.

In narrower release, Vivendi Entertaininspirational drama

ment's "Letters to God" opened at No. 10 with \$1.3 million. The movie centers on a boy who writes letters to God to help cope with his fight against cancer.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

Shakira visits Haitians living in tent camps

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Hip-shaking Colombian pop star Shakira is meeting with Haitian earthquake survivors living in makeshift camps and she says she is searching for suitable land to build a school for needy children.

Arriving Sunday, the singer waved to onlookers and greeted infants living on a Haitian golf course that has turned into a sprawling makeshift camp for 50,000 quake survivors.

Her Barefoot foundation provides nutrition to more than 6,000 children in Colombia, and she is member of the ALAS foundation that advocates for children across Latin America.

Shakira was greeted by actor Sean Penn, who is providing humanitarian aid at Haitian spoke about challenges con-



Colombian singer Shakira laughs while embracing a child at the Petionville Golf Club makeshift camp in Port-au-Prince, Sunday, April 11, 2010. Shakira's "Pies Descalzos" foundation will finance the construction of a new school in Port-au-Prince.

refugee camps. The two stars fronting Haiti since the Jan. 12

Mourners pay tribute to Wagner grandson

BAYREUTH, Germany (AP)—Some 1,500 people including German Chancellor Angela Merkel have paid tribute to Wolfgang Wagner, the grandson of Richard Wagner and longtime leader of the Bayreuth opera festival.

Wagner died on March 21 at age 90. He led the festival dedicated to his grandfather's works from 1951 until 2008.

Sunday's memorial service at the opera house built by the composer featured music from "Lohengrin," "Goetterdaemmerung" and "Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg," directed by star German conductor Christian Thielemann.

The German news agency DAPD reported that Wagner's daughters, Katharina and



In this July 25, 2007 file picture Wolfgang Wagner, grandson of German composer Richard Wagner, right, his daughter Katharina, center, and his wife Gudrun are seen prior to the Wagner Festival opening in front of the Festspielhaus building in Bayreuth, Germany.

Eva-the new festival directors—attended the memorial along with his sister Verena.

Bavarian Governor Horst Seehofer says that Wagner's "life's work will endure."

New episodes of 'Glee' premiering

By RICK BENTLEY

Fox took a small gamble when it put "Glee" on a four-month hiatus. The freshman show could have lost momentum—even with all the media appearances, the concert tour and other craziness surrounding the show—if viewers found a new program to love.

But based on three new episodes, which will start airing Tuesday, the delay was warranted. If you thought "Glee" was good before, get ready to be dazzled. Not since the heyday of "The Sopranos" has a series gone off the air for such a long time and returned with such energy and spectacle.

Tuesday's "Hell-o" works both for loyal fans and those new to "Glee." At the end of last season, the high school glee team won sectionals. That should have elevated their popularity status. But nothing has changed—they're still outcasts.

"The Power of Madonna," airing April 20, shows how perfectly this series has been able to

> blend music and story. The multiple storylines revolve around Madonna tunes. The highlight is a remake of Madonna's "Vogue" video that allows Jane Lynch—a lock to win an Emmy for her

coach Sue Sylvester—to show off her unlimited talents.

The April 27 episode "Home" is as perfect as television can get. It flawlessly blends stories about family, fathers and selfesteem with the amazing musical performances by guest star Kristin Chenoweth and series regular Chris Colfer.

If Colfer hasn't already put himself in the running for an Emmy, this episode will ice it. He not only delivers a moving performance as his character Kurt tries to deal with the awkward relationship he has with his father, but he also belts out

work as the snarky cheerleading a show-stopping version of "A House Is Not a Home."

> The young performers in this series are so good, it's easy to forget the talented adults, particularly Matthew Morrison as the glee team's coach Will Schuester. Combine his smooth vocals with Chenoweth's angelic voice—spellbinding whether she's singing Springsteen or Bacharach—and the results are extraordinary. Their performance of "One Less Bell to Answer" is musical magic.

> "Glee" started strong and got better with each episode. These three newest episodes are the best yet.

New Directions returns in all-new episodes of "Glee," premiering at a special time, April 13, 2010, (9:28-10:30 PM ET/PT) following "American Idol," on FOX. Pictured from left; Dianna Agron, Mark Sallling, Amber Riley, Jenna Ushkowitz, Cory Monteith, Lea Michele,





'Glee' returns Tuesday; do you know your musical movies and TV?

By DAVID FRESE

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Rejoice! "Glee" returns at 9:28 p.m. EDT Tuesday on Fox. Take our quiz and test your Glee-ky knowledge of musical movies and TV shows.

1. Which "Glee" cast member is not a veteran Broadway

- A. Matthew Morrison (Will)
- B. Jenna Ushkowitz (Tina)
- C. Lea Michele (Rachel)
- D. Jane Lynch (Sue)

2. The Disney Channel's "High School Musical" began as a sequel to ...

- A. "Hairspray"
- B. "The Sound of Music"
- C. "Grease"
- D. "West Side Story"
- 3. Stephen Tobolowsky's "Glee" character Sandy Ryerson shares a last name with a character he played in the
 - A. "Great Balls of Fire!"
- B. "Groundhog Day"
- "Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael"
- D. "The Country Bears"
- 4. "I Dream of Jeannie" actress Barbara Eden starred in a film and later a TV series based on which of these songs:
 - A. "Red Headed Stranger,"

by Willie Nelson

- B. "9 to 5," by Dolly Parton C. "9 to 5 (The Morning Train)," by Sheena Easton
- D. "Harper Valley P.T.A.," by
- Jeannie C. Rilev 5. Which of these TV series
- has Jane Lynch not appeared on?
 - A. "Seinfeld"
 - B. "The X-Files"
- C. "Frasier"
- D. "Two and a Half Men"
- 6. The life of musician Joan Jett is portrayed in the biopic "The Runaways," but in 1987 she and then-TV star Michael J. Fox played musician-siblings in the movie "Light of Day." Who wrote the title song?
 - A. Joan Jett
- B. Bruce Springsteen
- C. Huey Lewis
- D. Trent Reznor of Nine Inch
- 7. The Glee kids are supposed to be high school students, but all but one are in their 20s. Who?
- A. Amber Riley (Mercedes)
- B. Chris Colfer (Kurt)
- C. Lea Michele (Rachel) D. Cory Monteith (Finn)
- 8. Which of these TV series has not had an all-musical episode?
 - A. "Buffy: The Vampire

Slayer"

- B. "How I Met Your Mother"
- C. "Friends"
- D. "That '70s Show"
- 9. Which "Glee" actor attended the University of Oklahoma?
- A. Iqbal Theba (Principal
- Figgins)
- B. Dianna Agron (Quinn)
- C. Mark Salling (Puck)
- D. Jayma Mays (Emma) 10. Susan Dey played keyboardist/singer Laurie Partridge in "The Partridge Family" and went on to appear in which law-based TV drama?
- A. "Family Law"
- B. "L.A. Law"
- C. "S.W.A.T."
- D. "Hawaii Five-O"

THE ANSWERS

- 1: D. Jane Lynch, though she has been acting in TV and film since 1988.
- 2: C. "Grease." Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake were to star as the children of Danny and Sandy, and the character Sharpay was the daughter of Rizzo.
- 3: B. In "Groundhog Day," Tobolowsky played Ned Ryerson, the insurance salesman Bill Murray sees each morning.
 - 4: D. "Harper Valley P.T.A,"

a 1978 film that also marked the acting debut of Woody Har-

- 5: A. Lynch has appeared in more than 70 TV series, but not "Seinfeld."
- 6: B. The song "Light of Day" was written by Bruce Springsteen, but only after he wrote "Born in the U.S.A.," which was the original title of the script. Bruce kept "Born" for his multi-platinum album of the same name and wrote "Light" as a replacement. Incidentally, Trent Reznor (Choice D) plays a keyboardist in the film.
- 7. B. Chris Colfer is the only teen in the cast — he turns 20 next month. Lea Michele is 23, Amber Riley is 24 and Cory Monteith is 27.
- 8: C. "Friends." Though there was "The One Where Ross Played His Music ..."
- 9: A. Iqbal Theba was born in Pakistan but studied civil engineering at OU before becoming a theater major. He's a big Sooner football fan.
- 10: OK, sorry. Trick question. Susan Dey appeared in episodes of all four series.

Source: Internet Movie Data-

Involvement in community calms fear of aging alone

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letter from "Afraid to Be Alone" (Feb. 15), who is moving to a new state and has no family except for her husband. As a teacher of health policy and administration, I agree that she shouldn't be overanxious about her future to the point of distraction.

There are concrete steps she and her husband can take to protect themselves and have some security as they



age. These include purchasing long-term care insurance, creating a living will and medical power of attorney, and communicating their wishes about heroic measures should either of them ever face that decision.

They should also look into moving to a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), most of which have differing levels of care—from assisted living to nursing home care—with guaranteed access to its members. These are just a few of the steps "Afraid" could take now to give herself some peace of mind.

CHRIS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CHRIS: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. Like you, many readers were quick to offer reassurance to "Afraid." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I allayed our own fears by choosing to live in a community with close neighbors and many activities. Avoiding isolation is what is important. Knowing what caregiving and other support services are available also helps, whether or not they are needed right now. "Afraid's" thoughts of death, if frequent, could be a symptom of depression and should be evaluated by a doctor if they persist.

HAPPY TO BE ALONE

DEAR ABBY: "Afraid" should take stock of her life now, and consider her interests and hobbies. Gardening, art, reading, clubs, sewing, shopping, theater, antiquing or volunteering are all possibilities for her future if the need or interest arises. Since she is worried now, she should make sure that wherever she moves accommodates these needs later in life. It's never too early to become prepared.

Last, but not least, the right pet can go a long way toward providing company and comfort. As soon as I walk in the door, I yell to my cat, "I'm home!"

DEFINITELY NOT LONELY IN KENTUCKY

DEAR ABBY: Where are "Afraid's" current friends? Moving means nothing to true friends. My mother kept in touch with her childhood friends until her death in her 70s—and they were spread all over the country.

Like "Afraid" I am an only child, plus I have never been married. I have a few faithful friends from high school and college who are there for me regardless of their location. I, too, would drop anything to be there for them. They mean everything to me, and I know our relationships will continue through our old age.

GRATEFUL FOR MY FRIENDS

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Afraid" to join church and social groups. I would like to add that if she enjoys children and young adults, she should get to know her neighbors, and volunteer at the library, hospital, school or scout troop in her new area.

Children thrive on the love and stories of "grandparents" and they benefit from the wisdom and experience. These friendships often extend into the home, offering the joy and belonging of family. You are never alone with "family" around you.

NANA TO ALL, IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: I suggest she look for the "learning in retirement" programs available. We joined one at a university four years ago when we moved to Greenville, S.C., and have met some wonderful people.

CAROL K.

DEAR ABBY: We, too, spent the first 30 years of our marriage feeling like the only childless couple in the world. Then we moved to an age-restricted community. We have never been happier. Many of our new friends also have no children, and we no longer worry about aging alone.

KAREN IN HENDERSON, NEV.

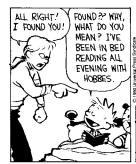
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): An energetic approach to whatever you do will serve you well and keep you out of trouble. Unpredictable motions will keep everyone around you guessing. Keep your emotions out of

the equation. OOO TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A trip will pay off if you get to confront someone face-to-face. A problem at home is best left alone until you have your facts and plans in order. Changes at work may be unnerving.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Join in and be a participant. A burden you face will be to your advantage once you realize how easy it is to put your skills to the test. Your curiosity, quick response and desire to experiment will lead to greater motivation and new ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love and romance can be yours if you are bold and make the first move. Recognize anyone trying to take advantage of you. Emotional tactics will be used—acting fast will be your best recourse. 🛇

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The more you accomplish, the better you will feel about yourself and the people you have helped. A job opportunity may not be what you expected but, if you do your best, it can be so

much more. OOOOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relationships can make a big difference in your financial affairs. A change of heart may help you out personally, financially and with regard to the stress and burden you've been carrying. Love is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take anything too personally. It's best to get your own responsibilities out of the way. Deal with any pending settlement, agreement or contract calmly and you will get what you want. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An unusual opportunity will usual opportunity will come into play as a direct result of someone who has supported and loved you all along. Do whatever you can to meet the offers being given with equality, dedication and a long-term promise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Property purchases will prove to be within reach and will provide you with a secure future. A relationship may cause some unexpected changes to occur with regard to how you live your life and where. In the end, you will

come out on top. 🛇 🔾 🔾 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't want to raise any questions or give anyone the wrong impression. The less EUGENIA

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situation will be directly linked to your home, family or money from an unusual source. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An old deal you thought was a dead issue will surface. Prepare to handle things differently

ahead you will get. A change in your financial

this time around and you will reap the rewards you missed out on in the past. Don't be afraid to question anything that appears dubious. •••• PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take on

a responsibility that someone else can no longer carry. You will eventually get something worthwhile out of the effort you put in. A partnership will lead to a higher position, greater income and future financial freedom.

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By Dave Green

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Pedroia, Beltre lead Red Sox past Royals



KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)—

Red Sox left fielder Jacoby Ellsbury was helped off the field after colliding with third baseman Adrian Beltre in the ninth inning of Boston's 8-6 win Sunday over the Kansas City Royals.

Ellsbury and Beltre were chasing Mitch Maier's foul fly ball when they ran into reach other. Ellsbury remained on the grass for several minutes and isn't sure if he'll be able to play Monday at Minnesota.

Beltre had three hits and three RBIs. Dustin Pedroia got four hits, including a home run.

Jose Guillen homered twice and drove in four runs for the Royals.

White Sox 5, Twins 4

At Chicago, J.J. Hardy became the final out when he tried to score on pinch-hitter Jim Thome's long drive as Chicago held off Minnesota.

Hardy singled with two outs against Bobby Jenks and took off when Thome hit a shot into the left-center field gap. Left fielder Juan Pierre retrieved the ball on the warning track and threw to third baseman Mark Teahen.

Teahen's relay to catcher A.J. Pierzynski arrived in plenty of time, and Hardy was beaten by so much that he didn't slide or go barreling home.

Pinch-hitter Andruw Jones singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth. Mark Buehrle (2-0) pitched eight innings and Jenks held on for his first save.

Tigers 9, Indians 8

At Detroit, Carlos Guillen scored on fill-in closer Chris Perez's wild pitch with two outs, capping a three-run ninth inning and lifting Detroit over Cleveland.

Guillen hit an RBI double to get the Tigers within a run. After Brandon Inge grounded out, Perez (0-1) issued consecutive walks to Ramon Santiago and Johnny Damon to force home the tying run. His next pitch bounced past Lou Marson, allowing Guillen to scamper home.

Perez is serving as Cleveland's closer while Kerry Wood is on the disabled list with a strained muscle below his right shoulder.

Phil Coke (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the Tigers.



Boston Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury breaks his bat as he fouls off a pitch by Kansas City Royals relief pitcher Joakim Soria during the ninth inning of a major league baseball game Friday, April 9, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo.

Athletics 9, Angels 4

At Anaheim, California, Adam Rosales homered in his first American League at-bat, added a go-ahead single and finished with four RBIs as Oakland beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Rosales, a backup infielder with Cincinnati the last two seasons, hit a solo home run in the second inning and sprinted around the bases. His drive was Oakland's only hit through the first six innings against Joe Saunders (0-2).

Saunders retired 13 in a row before giving up three straight hits to start a three-run seventh. Rosales capped the rally with a two-run single, dropping the AL West champion Angels to 2-5.

Yankees 7, Rays 3

At St. Petersburg, Florida, A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings, and Jorge Posada and Alex Rodriguez drove in two runs each to lead the New York Yankees over Tampa Bay.

Burnett (1-0) allowed two runs and six hits as the World Series champions wrapped up a season-opening six-game road trip with a pair of wins after dropping the opener of a weekend series at Tropicana Field.

Posada's two-run homer off Randy Choate (0-1) gave the Yankees a 3-2 lead in the sixth.

Rangers 9, Mariners 2

At Arlington, Texas, Scott Feldman pitched seven solid innings and Michael Young homered to help Texas beat Seattle.

Vladimir Guerrero finished with three hits for Texas, boosting his average to .500, and Joaquin Arias had his second straight three-hit game.

Feldman (1-0) allowed two runs and seven hits in his second start of the season. Ian Snell (0-1) lasted only three innings, allowing five runs, four earned, and eight hits.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Jose Bautista and Alex Gonzalez hit consecutive home runs in the eighth inning after a two-out error by Miguel Tejada, as Toronto beat Baltimore for a three-game sweep.

Kevin Millwood (0-1) took a three-hitter and a 2-1 lead into the eighth. He retired the first two batters before Tejada — a career shortstop now playing third base — misplayed a sharp grounder by John McDonald.

Bautista then homered and Gonzalez followed with his second home run of the game.

Casey Janssen (3-0) won in relief and Kevin Gregg finished the Blue Jays' first sweep in Baltimore since August 2004 by getting three outs for his second save.

Phils 2, Astros 1

At Houston, Roy Halladay struck out eight in his first National League complete game as the Philadelphia Phillies completed a sweep of the winless Houston Astros.

Halladay (2-0) scattered seven hits and retired the last nine batters he faced. Acquired from

Toronto in an offseason trade, the former AL Cy Young Award winner pitched his 50th career complete game and outdueled Roy Oswalt (0-2).

Houston dropped to 0-6. The two-time NL champion Phillies improved to 5-1.

Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a home run. Philadelphia mustered only six hits, its first game under 10 hits this season.

Halladay threw 111 pitches, including 83 for strikes, and earned his 150th career victory. He has 137 wins since 2001, tying Oswalt and the Yankees' CC Sabathia for the most in the majors.

Diamondbacks 15, Pirates 6

At Phoenix, Edwin Jackson hit the first homer of his career, capping an Arizona-record 13-run burst in the fourth inning.

Chris Young and Kelly Johnson also connected during the big inning that featured eight hits, including two by Jackson.

Chris Snyder homered for Arizona and tied his career high with five RBIs. Young's homer was his third in four games and he drove in four runs, giving him nine RBIs for the series.

Stephen Drew drove in two runs and every Diamondbacks starter scored. Jackson, a career .129 hitter entering the day, came around twice in the huge inning.

Nationals 5, Mets 2

At New York, Josh Willingham wound up with a grand slam off Johan Santana after a wild sequence in the first inning to lead Washington to the victory.

Willingham's drive hit the wall in left-center and was initially ruled in play. He tried to stretch his triple when the ball got away from catcher Rod Barajas and was tagged out, leaving both players sprawled across home plate.

After checking the replay, the umpires ruled a home run.

Willingham also had an RBI double in the third inning, helping the Nationals beat Santana (1-1) for the first time since June 9, 2007.

Reds 3, Cubs 1

At Cincinnati, Mike Leake pitched into the seventh inning during his major league debut and Ramon Hernandez drove in the go-ahead run for Cincinnati with a bases-loaded walk.

Leake became the 21st player since the draft began in 1965 to play in the majors without appearing in a minor league game and first since Xavier Nady with the San Diego Padres in 2000. He also became the first American pitcher to accomplish the feat since Darren Dreifort with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

The 22-year-old right-hander issued seven walks but allowed just one run and four hits over 6 2-3 innings. He also went 2 for 2 at the plate.

The Reds loaded the bases in the eighth inning on two singles and a walk against John Grabow (0-2), and Esmailin Caridad walked Hernandez to force in the go-ahead run. Jonny Gomes followed with a sacrifice fly.

Marlins 6, Dodgers 5

At Miami, Jorge Cantu tied a career high with five RBIs as Florida rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers for the second time in less than 18 hours.

Florida trailed 4-0 before Cantu hit a three-run homer in the fourth. He put the Marlins ahead 6-5 with a two-run double in the seventh off Jeff Weaver (0-1).

Cantu's sacrifice fly capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning Saturday, when Florida beat Los Angeles 7-6.

Rockies 4, Padres 2

At Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six effective innings and Troy Tulowitzki hit a tworun double as Colorado won the deciding game in the first series

of the season between the NL West rivals.

Miguel Olivo homered and Seth Smith added an RBI single for the Rockies, who bounced back from Saturday night's 5-4 loss to the Padres in 14 innings, the longest game in the majors this season. Franklin Morales got three outs for his second save in as many chances.

Jimenez (2-0) allowed two runs and seven hits. He also struck out seven while improving to 3-0 with a 3.15 ERA in his last three starts against San Diego dating to September 2008.

Giants 6, Braves 3

At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum struck out 10 in seven innings, Pablo Sandoval hit a two-run homer as San Francisco beat Atlanta in a game that finally started after a rain delay of 4 hours, 9 minutes.

Aubrey Huff, Mark DeRosa and Bengie Molina hit RBI singles for the Giants. Huff also scored the go-ahead run in the sixth on rookie right fielder Jason Heyward's misguided throw for his first career error.

Heyward hit a solo homer in the ninth. Brian McCann had a two-run shot in the first off Lincecum (2-0), the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner.

Jeremy Affeldt allowed Heyward's third homer before earning his first save since Sept. 19, 2006, against San Francisco while with the Colorado Rockies. The left-hander tossed two innings.

Brewers 8, Cardinals 7

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee homered in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Milwaukee over St. Louis after the Cardinals rallied against closer Trevor Hoffman.

Albert Pujols hit his second two-run homer of the game to cut the lead to one, and Matt Holliday followed with a tying shot.

But McGehee connected off Kyle McClellan (0-1) with one out to give Hoffman (1-1) an unlikely victory and help the Brewers avoid a three-game sweep after they tagged Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter for three homers and seven runs.

Rickie Weeks, Corey Hart and Ryan Braun homered for the Brewers, who let a five-run lead evaporate. Hoffman's last four blown saves have all come against the Cardinals.

Bonds says he's 'proud' of friend Mark McGwire

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Home run king Barry Bonds said he is "proud" of slugger Mark McGwire for returning to baseball as the St. Louis Cardinals' hitting coach and for admitting his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

"I have a really good friendship with Mark McGwire. I'm proud of him," Bonds said Sunday. "We've had a great relationship throughout our entire lives and throughout our career. I'm proud of what he did. I'm happy for him."

While Bonds didn't rule out also going into coaching one day, his six-minute session with the media was stopped after the question about McGwire.

In January, McGwire ended

more than a decade of denials and evasion and finally acknowledged he used steroids and human growth hormone during his career, including in 1998 when he hit 70 home runs and broke the single-season record.

Bonds, who topped that mark when he hit 73 homers in 2001, has long denied ever knowingly using steroids or performanceenhancers in his pursuit of the career home run record—arguably the most prized record in all of American sports.

Bonds was indicted on charges he lied in 2003 to a federal grand jury investigating BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, and obstructed justice.

McGwire was told of Bonds' comments in Milwaukee, where the Cardinals were playing the Brewers.

"It's very cool. Barry is a great player, was a great player in this game, many MVPs," McGwire said. "The guy could do it all. It makes me feel really good. It's really cool to be back in the game. ... I'm a big boy, I

understand that things happen in your life and you've got to confront them, and you also have to move on from them and learn from them."

The 45-year-old Bonds, back in the Bay Area for a reunion at AT&T Park of the Giants' 2000 NL West champion team, said he doesn't believe now is the right time to retire. Though he also insists he's not in shape to play immediately if an interested club came calling.

Magic make James-less Cavs disappear, 98-92



CLEVELAND (AP)— Mickael Pietrus scored all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter, and Jameer Nelson hit a late 3-pointer Sunday to help the Orlando Magic to a 98-92 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, which is rest-

ing LeBron James for the playoffs.

Pietrus made two 3s to open the fourth, and Nelson connected with 2:53 left to make it 96-88. Dwight Howard had 22 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks for Orlando.

Delonte West had 21 points, and Mo Williams had 19 points and nine assists for the Cavaliers, who finished the regular season 35-6 at home.

Trail Blazers 91, Lakers 88

At Los Angeles, Martell Webster hit three free throws with 3.1 seconds left and Portland tied San Antonio for seventh place in the Western Conference to improve its chances of avoiding Los Angeles in the first round of the playoffs.

Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher combined to miss three free throws in the final 6.9 seconds, and Pau Gasol missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the topseeded Lakers.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who lost leading scorer Brandon Roy at halftime because of sore right knee.

Gasol led the Lakers with 23 points and 12 rebounds, Lamar Odom added 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Bryant had 20 points on 8-of-23 shooting.

Bulls 104, Raptors 88

At Toronto, Derrick Rose scored 26 points, and Joakim Noah had 18 points, 19 rebounds and seven assists as Chicago beat Toronto to take a one-game lead over the Raptors for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Luol Deng scored 14 points, Taj Gibson had 11 and Ronald Murray and Hakim Warrick each scored 10 points for the Bulls, who led by 25 points.

Sonny Weems and Andrea Bargnani each scored 18 points for the injuryriddled Raptors, who lost their fifth straight. Hedo Turkoglu had a career-



Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard (12) shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' Zydrunas IIgauskas, top left, from Lithuania, and Delonte West in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday, April 11, 2010, in Cleveland.

high 19 rebounds and nine assists but shot 2 for 12 and scored just six points.

Warriors 120, Thunder 117

At Oakland, California, Monta Ellis scored 27 points in his return following a two-week absence, Stephen Curry added 25 and Golden State overcame a 20-point deficit to beat playoff-bound Oklahoma City.

The Warriors missed three free throws in the final 53 seconds but held on to win when Kevin Durant's 3-point attempt with a second left bounced off the back of the rim.

Durant finished with 40 points for Oklahoma City, which dropped into the NBA BRIEFS

Arenas arrives at Maryland jail to begin sentence

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP)—Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas began serving his sentence Friday night for bringing guns into the team's locker room. According to Arthur Wallenstein, director of Montgomery County Corrections, Arenas arrived at the Montgomery County jail at 7:40 p.m. Arenas must spend two days there for medical screening and classification before being transferred to the county's Pre-Release Center, a halfway house. Arenas was sentenced March 26 to 30 days in a halfway house for bringing weapons into the Verizon Center. Corrections officials in Montgomery County agreed to let him serve his sentence there, as part of an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Arenas pleaded guilty to a felony gun charge in January, and has been suspended until the end of the season by the NBA. Arenas also received two years of probation, a \$5,000 fine and 400 hours of community service that can't be performed at basketball clinics.

Gortat honors Polish president following accident

CLEVELAND (AP)—Orlando Magic center Marcin Gortat had more important issues on his mind Sunday than basketball. The native of Poland paid tribute to his homeland's president, who was killed along with 95 others in a plane crash in Russia. Gortat wrote the number of the fatal flight on his sneakers before the Magic played the Cleveland Cavaliers and wrote President Lech Kaczynski's name on the tape around his wrist. "It's very sad," Gortat said. "There were a lot of people putting our country on the right path to become one of the strongest and most powerful countries in Europe. Obviously, we pray for them." Kaczynski and dozens of political, military and religious leaders were killed in the crash. They were traveling to Russia to honor 22,000 Polish officers slain by the Soviet secret police in 1940. Gortat's father, Janusz, is a retired Army officer who knew Kaczynski before he became president in 2005. Gortat, who learned of the crash through multiple text messages from family and friends in Poland, said he knew "two or three" of the dignitaries who died. "It's a tough loss for all of us," he said.

eighth seed in the Western Conference with two games remaining. The Thunder are tied for sixth with Portland and San Antonio, but the Blazers and Spurs hold the tiebreakers.

Suns 116, Rockets 106

At Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire had 35 points and 13 rebounds as Phoenix used 3-pointers to pull away at the finish.

Phoenix moved into a tie with Utah and Dallas for the third playoff spot in the West, a half-game behind No. 2 Dallas, with two to play.

Nash had 23 points and 11 assists for the Suns, winners of 12 of their last 14.

Luis Scola scored 20 of his 30 points in the second half for Houston.

Heat 111, Knicks 98

At New York, Dwyane Wade scored 32 points as Miami pulled into a tie for fifth place in the Eastern Conference with Milwaukee.

Michael Beasley added 16 points, and Udonis Haslem and former Knicks forward Ouentin Richardson had 14 apiece for the Heat, who won for the 10th time in 11 games.

David Lee scored 26 points for New York.

Hornets 114, **Timberwolves 86**

At New Orleans, Emeka Okafor scored 23 points, Marcus Thornton added 22 and Darren Collison had 17 points and 11 assists to help New Orleans snap a five-game losing streak.

Julian Wright added a season-high 16 points, and David West had 10 points and 12 rebounds in the Hornets' final home game of the season. Ryan Gomes scored 18 points for Minnesota. The Timberwolves have lost five straight and 21 of their last 22 games.

Source: Jets acquire WR Holmes from Steelers



New York Jets sure know how to make headlines. In their latest big move

the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night for a fifth-round pick in this month's draft, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The person spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams had yet to announce the trade.

Holmes, the 2009 Super Bowl MVP, gives second-year quarterback Mark Sanchez another big-time target to throw to in an offense that already included receivers Braylon Edwards, Jerricho Cotchery, promising tight end Dustin Keller and recently signed running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

Holmes has 235 career catches for 3,835 yards and 20 touchdowns, but

NEWYORK (AP)—The also brings his share of off-field issues, which could explain the relatively low price the Jets paid to get him.

The 26-year-old Holmes is facing a his contract. of a busy offseason, the lawsuit in Florida from a woman who Jets acquired talented but troubled claims he threw a glass at her, cutting her wide receiver Santonio Holmes from above the eye, in an Orlando nightclub. The police also have been investigating the woman's claims. Holmes denies hurting the woman, and a witness has since taken responsibility for tossing the glass, according to Holmes' lawyer.

In 2008, Holmes was arrested for possession of marijuana, and he was involved in a domestic violence incident in 2006; the misdemeanor charges were dismissed.

The 5-foot-11 Holmes, a first-round pick out of Ohio State in 2006, adds a speedy complement to the Jets' passing game. He's coming off the best season of his career statistically, after having 79 catches for 1,248 yards and five touchdowns. His presence should allow Cotchery to assume more of a slot role,

where he is extremely effective, and take double coverage off Edwards.

Holmes has one year remaining on

"Wow we got Holmes this is crazy," All-Pro cornerback Darrelle Revis posted on his Twitter account. "We makin big moves this off-season. Putting the pieces together to get closer to that superbowl ring."

After making it to the AFC championship game last season, the Jets and general manager Mike Tannenbaum have been aggressive despite the league's "Final Eight" restrictions that have limited who they could sign. New York has traded for Holmes and cornerback Antonio Cromartie, and signed Tomlinson, safety Brodney Pool and kicker Nick Folk.

Add in the draft-day trade with Cleveland to select Sanchez last April and the acquisition of wide receiver Edwards from the Browns in October, and the Jets have made quite a splash during the last 12 months.

The Jets are still also waiting to hear from free agent linebacker-defensive end Jason Taylor, who met with the team for two days last week. The NFL's active sacks leader went back home to Weston, Fla., on Friday without a deal in place, but is expected to make a decision sometime this week whether to join the team he has considered an enemy for most of his 13-year career.

The Jets have shown themselves to be unafraid of adding players with questionable backgrounds. They traded for Edwards two days after he was accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James in October outside a downtown Cleveland nightclub.

New York also acquired Cromartie last month from San Diego even though he was dealing with paternity issues. Cromartie has fathered seven children by six women in five states, and the Jets advanced him \$500,000 to clear up his legal troubles.

The Jets acknowledged having interest before last year's draft in former Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress, who's currently serving a prison sentence. Burress pleaded guilty last August to attempted criminal possession of a weapon for having a loaded handgun in a nightclub that went off and shot him in the leg in November 2008.

Despite being benched earlier in the 2008 season for the marijuana arrest, Holmes made a number of big plays for Pittsburgh—none bigger than in the Super Bowl against Arizona. His tiptoe catch in the corner of the end zone of a 6-vard touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger with 35 seconds left sent the Steelers to a 27-23 victory. He caught nine passes for 131 yards in the game.

The move for Holmes could also end speculation that the Jets might have interest in acquiring Denver's Brandon Marshall. Despite saving those rumors were unfounded, New York has been grouped among numerous teams who could make a move before the draft for the Broncos receiver.

LEFTY

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He certainly could've gone either way at the par-5 13th hole, where he followed a clutch birdie putt in Amen Corner that gave him the outright lead by pushing his drive into the trees along the right side of the fairway.

Most golfers would have played it safe, punched out into the fairway to give themselves at least a shot at birdie and no worse than par.

Not Mickelson.

He saw an opening between the trees and decided to go for the green—207 yards away with a 6-iron.

"I had a good lie in the pine needles," Mickelson explained. "I was going to have to go through that gap if I laid up or went for the green. I was going to have to hit a decent shot. The gap was a little bit wider—well, it wasn't huge, but it was big enough for a ball to fit through.'

How right he was. Mickelson ripped away with all his might, watched the ball clear the trees and soar through the air, plopping down 4 whole feet from the flag.

"I just felt like at that time," he said, "I needed to trust my swing and hit a shot. It came

MICKELSON'S

ters was of another golfer and

other women. The circus that

surrounded Tiger Woods blew

into town on Monday, and the

tent was still up as the leaders

teed off on a Sunday afternoon

Mickelson hadn't been ig-

nored, but he had certainly been

overlooked. He wasn't alone,

because the drama surrounding

the comeback of Woods over-

shadowed the entire week at

Until early Sunday evening,

that is. That's when the week

that golf feared suddenly be-

came the week golf fans will

It started with a shot a Ve-

gas high-roller would have

never dreamed of betting on. It

ended with a scene so touching

it washed away any lingering

memories of the stain Woods

The man who stands for ev-

erything Woods doesn't stood

wearing the green jacket Woods

so desperately coveted. Even

better, when he looked up on

the 18th green, his wife - who

had been bed-ridden most of the

week—and his children were

"I was just really glad she was

there," Mickelson said. "I wasn't

there to share it all with him.

had put on this Masters.

brimming with drama.

Augusta National.

always remember.

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off perfect."

Even though Mickelson missed the short putt and settled for birdie instead of eagle, that was the hole where he let it be known this tournament was his. He finished with a 16-under 272, three strokes ahead of Lee Westwood and four ahead of hard-charging Anthony Kim, who shot 31 on the back side for a closing 65.

"It's one of those shots only Phil could pull off," said Westwood, who started the final round with a one-stroke lead but wound up with another close-but-nocigar finish in a major. "I think most people would have chipped that one out. But that's what great players do: They pull off great shots at the right time."

Mickelson was steady the rest of the way-another birdie at the par-5 15th, pars at the tricky 16th and 17th holes. That way, he could play it safe for once, going with the 3-wood at No. 18 to assure he didn't spray it up in the trees and cost himself a tournament that no one else could win, but he could still lose.

As the patrons rose to salute a familiar champion who was clearly the sentimental favorite on this day, Mickelson had one person on his mind. She was there, and she was beaming.

"I was just really glad she was

sure if she was going to be there

today. I knew she would be

watching. I didn't know if she

would be behind 18. To walk off

the green and share that with her

If it was emotional for Mick-

elson, it was also therapeutic to

golf. The throngs who crowded

every hole as the leaders made

their way around Augusta Nation-

al may not have been quite sure

how much emotion they were go-

ing to invest with Woods, but with

They cheered him on every

shot, pulled for him at every

turn. And when he hit the shot

on No. 13 no one will ever for-

The swashbuckler danced with

danger and pulled it off. Mick-

elson couldn't help himself be-

cause, while the risk was great,

He's taken that approach his

whole career, and he's lost some

big tournaments because of it.

He could have lost this Mas-

ters, too, something caddie Jim

"Bones" Mackay was thinking

as he debated the wisdom of the

"I begged him to lay up on

" Mackay said. "He said,

Mickelson was in the pine

needles off the right side of the

13th fairway with two large trees

right in front of him and 207

yards to the hole. He had a 6-iron

shot with his boss of 18 years.

'Get out of the way."

the reward was even greater.

get, they roared with delight.

Lefty there was no doubt.

is very emotional for us."

there," he said. "I knew she would be watching. I didn't know if she would be behind 18. To walk off the green and share that with her is very emotional for us."

Woods' wife, Elin, would not have been waiting if her husband had won.

She stuck with her plan not to be at Augusta with their two kids, undoubtedly still grappling with the stunning reports that her husband has been cheating with numerous women.

At the start of the week, Woods hoped that returning to golf from a five-month layoff would return some normalcy to a life that's been tabloid fodder since the infamous Thanksgiving night car crash.

Plenty questioned if Woods was making the right call, returning from such a long layoff at the first major of the year, without so much as a warmup event. Some wondered if he'd even make the cut.

He did that and so much more, contending for all four days.

But he never made much of a run on Sunday, undone by one wild swing after another and a three-putt bogey from 6 feet at the 14th hole, the sort of mistakes he couldn't afford facing a four-stroke deficit at the start of the final round.

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just a few feet to feed the ball

through while making sure he

hit it pure enough to clear the

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that only Phil can pull off," play-

ing partner Lee Westwood said.

"Most people would've just

chipped that out. But that's what

great players do. They pull off

Indeed, the shot was a re-

minder of just what a great

player Mickelson is. The other

reminder is that he's now won

four major championships, three

of them at the place where he

first broke through with a win in

2004 that broke a long scoreless

membered for the leap Mickel-

son took on the 18th green after

sinking a 20-footer to win. He

then scooped up his daughter,

Amanda, and told her something

That tournament will be re-

streak in big tournamen

great shots at the right time."

"It's one of those shots, really,

The ball flew out of the

No one else would have even

"I just felt like at that time, I

water in front of the green.

give it a second thought.

came off perfect."

rest of the way in.

When Woods walked off No. 18, having closed with a birdie that only assured he would finish in a fourth-place tie with K.J. Choi, his answers were a bit terse and clipped.

"I wanted to win this tournament," he said. "As the week wore on, I kept hitting the ball worse."

What now?

"I'm going to take a little time off," Woods said, "and kind of re-evaluate things.

Westwood said there's no need to re-evaluate what he's doing, even though he keeps coming up oh-so-close on the biggest stages.

Over the previous seven majors, he finished third three times.

Now, he's been a runner-up.

"When you've come close, there's a tinge of disappointment straight off," Westwood said. "I was disappointed walking up to the last green, obviously. But once that's passed, I didn't do too much wrong today. I can walk away with a lot of positive thoughts and memories from this Masters."

So can Mickelson.

Enough to last a lifetime.

"I'm in love with this place," he said. "It brings out the best in me.'

she likely couldn't comprehend at the time.

"Daddy won!" he said. "Can you believe it?"

Amanda is 10 now, and Saturday night she had to have her wrist put in a splint because of a hairline fracture from a roller skating fall. Life isn't always perfect for the perfect family man, but that was a mere blip compared to the cancer issues both his mother and his wife face.

Mickelson, who has for the most part kept Amy's condition and treatment a private matter, said earlier this week that her long-term prognosis is very good, though she still deals with unspecified quality-of-life issues. Once a fixture in the crowd following Mickelson, she hasn't been on the course with him at a tournament since being diagnosed last year.

On this memorable day, she walked hand-in-hand with her husband off the 18th green, waving to everyone along the way. People stood and cheered, yelling out well wishes to both.

Mickelson was red-eyed, seemingly shell-shocked, the goofy grin that so often adorns his face gone for the moment.

Amy, though, was all smiles. "Good to see you guys," she told them.

Surely it was. But not nearly as good as it was for golf to see a champion and his wife, together once again.

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Yesterday's Games Orlando 98, Cleveland 92 Portland 91, L.A. Lakers 88

Miami 111, New York 98 New Orleans 114, Minnesota 86 Golden State 120, Oklahoma City 117 Phoenix 116, Houston 106

MASTERS SCORES

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) - Scores Sunday from the U.S. Masters at the 7,435-yard, par-72 Augusta National Golf Club:

FINAL ROUND

Phil Mickelson Lee Westwood 67-71-67-67-272 67-69-68-71-275 68-70-73-65-276 Anthony Kim K.J. Choi 67-71-70-69-277 68-70-70-69-277 Tiger Woods Fred Couples 66-75-68-70-279 Nick Watney 68-76-71-65-280 Y.E. Yang Hunter Mahan 67-72-72-70—281 71-71-68-71—281 Ricky Barnes 68-70-72-73-283 Ian Poulter 68-68-74-73-283 Miguel Angel Jimenez

Jerry Kelly Ryan Moore 72-73-73-68-286 69-75-71-71-286 **David Toms** Trevor Immelman 69-73-72-72-286 71-73-69-73-286 Steve Marino 71-73-75-68-287 Scott Verplank 73-73-73-68-287 69-75-72-71-287 Adam Scott Angel Cabrera 73-74-69-71—287 72-73-70-72—287 Heath Slocum 67-74-73-73-287 Tom Watson Ben Crane 71-75-74-68-288 70-73-74-71—288 Matt Kuchar 72-71-72-74-289 Kenny Perry Geoff Ogilvy 74-72-69-74—289 72-70-71-76—289 Yuta Ikeda 70-77-72-71-290 75-72-75-69-291 Jason Dufner Steve Stricker 73-73-74-71-291 70-74-75-72-291 Francesco Molinari Charl Schwartzel 69-76-72-74-291 Soren Kieldsen 70-71-75-75-29 Sean O'Hair 72-71-72-76-291 a-Matteo Mana 71-76-73-72-292 76-71-71-74—292 Lucas Glover Retief Gooser 74-71-76-73–294 71-72-76-75-294 **Dustin Johnson** 74-72-71-77—294 Camilo Villegas Steve Flesch 75-71-70-78-294 70-74-76-75-295 Zach Johsnon Robert Karlsson 71-72-77-76—296 Mike Weir 71-72-76-77—296 Chad Campbell 79-68-80-71–298 Robert Allenby 72-75-78-73-298

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for Aqua Resort, while Lizama added 14. They tallied seven points each in the fourth-quarter breakaway. Johanes had 11 of his 13 markers in the fourth, while Aquino logged nine of his 11 in the final canto.

Bernardo led TBK with his 26 points and was the lone player on the team to hit more than two field goals in the fourth quarter.

First Game

Hard Rock 76 – Paraiso 26, Tiamzon 16, Tengco 8, Lagrio 7, Nunag 6, Mendoza 5, Sablan 4, Daprosa 2, Alcantara 2.

Cell Pro 69 – Hernandez 26, Dulfo 12, Rotap 11, Villanueva 10, Guevarra 9, Manuel 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-16, 37-35, 58-53, 76-69.

Second Game

Aqua 93 – Mina 24, Lizama 14, Johanes 13, Aquino 11, Gapor 10, Torres 8, Mi. Achas 5, Mc. Achas 4, Acosta 4.

TBK 77 - Bernardo 26, Castro 14, De Vero 12, Pantaleon 10, Capalad 7, Demapan 6, Tibayan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-15, 44-32, 56-50, 93-77.

THE STING

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and two eagles and brought back a 68, the galleries screamed themselves hoarse.

Woods got the same reception Friday and looked even sharper. If you closed your eyes and just listened to the roars, or the questions he got in the interview room

afterward, it felt like Woods and his mastery of this confounding game had never left.

But he knew better.

"As the week wore on," Woods said, "I kept hitting the ball worse."

Not surprising, perhaps, his temper began cracking through the calm facade every time a hole in his game opened up. He stopped in mid-curse when he pulled an iron at No. 14 late Friday afternoon. By midday Saturday the microphones caught him at No. 6 yelling at himself, "Tiger, you suck!"

Yet even as Mickelson began his charge from five strokes off the lead late that afternoon, it stirred the competitor in Woods. He made five birdies of his own during a wearying back nine and appeared to right himself. But

there was this telling exchange with reporters afterward:

"How is the mental focus?" "It's fine," Woods said. "That's never a problem."

"Playing three days in a row isn't getting ..."

Woods cut the questioner off. "It's not a problem," he nearly blurted out.

Maybe so.

But Bobby Jones, who

founded the Masters and insisted on a gentlemanly code of conduct that everyone of his successors has taken pains to enforce to this day, once said this about the game:

"Competitive golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-halfinch course, the space between your ears."

There's no way to know, of course, what's going on in that space of Tiger's. No word, either, on where Woods intends to play next or whether he plans to change anything based on his first real outing in public since he pulled the rug out from under himself.

"I'm going to take a little time off and re-evaluate things," Woods said.

He'd better.

And fast.

Records fall in SSC-Tsunami meet

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kaito Yanai stole the show in the 2010 Saipan Swim Club-Tsunami Saipan dual meet, shattering five age group records over the weekend at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Yanai broke more records than

seasoned team-



mates Kai Staal and Kensuke Kimura, who logged only two and one new marks, respectively.

The 10-year-old Yanai started his record-breaking weekend on Friday, posting two minutes 50.95 seconds in the 200m backstroke. His time eclipsed the previous record in the 9 to 10 age group (3.12.86) En Hong Pang made on March 30, 2004.

Yanai's four other records were in the 50m breaststroke (40.70 seconds), 100m breaststroke (1:27.15), 100m butterfly (1:19.00), and 200m individual medley (2:45.28)

Yanai's time in the 50m breaststroke was about two seconds better than the previous record (43.19 seconds), which he set on May 30, 2009. He also crushed his

in the 100m breastroke (1:35.12) made on May 29, 2009, 100m butterfly (1:28.68) submitted on March 7, 2009, and 200m IM (3:00.46) logged on April 3, 2009.

own records

Staal eclipsed the four-year-old record in the 100m backstroke in the boys 15 to 16 age group when he timed in at 1:05.41. Staal erased the 1:07.03 mark Juan Camacho recorded on June 27, 2006.



From left, Kai Staal, Kaito Yanai, and Kensuke Kimura pose for a group photo after the first day of the Tsunami Saipan-SSC dual meet on Friday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Staal's second record-breaking performance came during Freedom Air ends Natibu's winning

Saturday's 800m freestyle swim race in 9:19.36. He was about

when he completed the long 20 seconds faster than Coo-

per Graf, who previously held the 800m freestyle record at 9:38.96. Graf did this feat during the World Championship in Rome on July 28, 2009.

Kimura shattered only one record, but among the eight records broken, his was the oldest. The 13-year-old Kimura clocked in at 9:48.24 in the 800m freestyle, passing the 9:53.09 mark Joshua Taitano recorded in the 13 to 14 age group on Jan. 17, 1996.

Kimura, Staal, and Yanai were among the more than 100 Tsunami Saipan and SSC swimmers who plunged into the pool for two days and competed in 14 events divided into eight age groups.

The dual meet was part of SSC's calendar of events for 2010-2011 season and came before the club hosted the 32nd edition of the annual ocean swim last Sunday.

Hard Rock gains first win; Aqua triumphs

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Hard Rock Cafe finally made it to the win column, while Aqua Resort Club boosted its bid for the pennant, as these two teams downed separate foes in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on Sunday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Hard Rock defeated Cellular Pro in the curtain-raiser, 76-69, while Aqua whipped TBK Auto Care in the second game of the night, 93-77.

Coming off a disappointing loss to Pepsi, 77-78, Hard

Rock learned its lesson not to celebrate until the game is over, playing steady in the homestretch to win

the battle of winless teams.

Hard Rock gained only its first win in nine games, while Cell Pro absorbed its 12th loss in as many games. Several Cell Pro turnovers and missed free throws in the last two minutes helped Hard Rock pull off a win this time.

Hard Rock was ahead by only three, 71-68, going into the final two minutes of the match when Eric Dulfo muffed both charities and Reynaldo Guevarra split his free throws, dimming Cell Pro's chances for a victory. Hard Rock countered with an inside basket from Rolly Paraiso and fastbreak layup from Jomar Tengco off a Cell Pro error to widen the lead and secure the win.

Paraiso paced Hard Rock with 26 points, while Oliver Tiamzon chipped in 16.

Hernandez top-scored for Cell pro with 26 points.

In the second game, Aqua Resort's 16-point win improved its record to 9-2, only a victory away from the league-leading World Resort/Advance.

Aqua Resort nailed an easy win after stepping on the pedal in the early minutes of the fourth period, making long jumpers, and capitalizing on an erratic TBK.

The fourth canto began with Aqua Resort on top by only six, 56-50. TBK even moved closer, 52-56, on Kae Bernardo's layup before Aqua launched a crucial 20-4 run to

> pull away, 76-56, with 5:32 left on the clock.

> In that run, Ziddy Johanes escaped with four

fastbreak layups, making two of them off TBK's miscues. In the same rally, Aqua Resort scored nine straight points from downtown with Jessie Mina, Pedro Lizama, and Glenn Aquino canning one triple apiece.

Facing a much taller frontliner, TBK concentrated more on defending the paint, leaving Aquino and company open for jumpers. When TBK decided to either extend its defense outside or pressure Aqua from the backcourt, the latter always found ways to counter these schemes. Lizama was there for a pitchperfect pass to Mina to the frontcourt, Johanes sped away for a fastbreak layup, and Aquino drilled mediumranged jumpers.

Mina finished with 24 points See HARDROCK on Page 26



Freedom Air crushed Natibu's hopes for an unbeaten regular season, following a 5-3 win during their game in the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League on Friday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The loss ended Natibu's 14game winning streak and brought the team down to second place. Man Amigos moved up to the No. 1 spot in team standings with their 15-1 mark. Freedom Air remained at the top half of the 21team field with its 9-6 mark.

The Air Flyers snapped the longest winning run in the league after allowing Natibu to score only one run each in the second and fifth inning. Bruce Norita put Natibu in the scoreboard when he reached home plate at the



top of the second off Jun Saralu's single. Natibu's second and last run was courtesy

of Ken Kalen, who made it home off J.R. Suel's single.

Freedom Air was without a run in the first two innings before taking the lead in the third inning with its three-run bottom of the third. Frank Cruz and Ray Kaipat hit a one-run single apiece, while Tony Aguon blasted a onerun double for the Air Flyers' 3-1 lead. A Chris Castro sacrifice fly drove Stanley Aldan home in the fourth, while Shane Yamada, who went 0-for-2 in his previous stints at bat, connected on a solo homer at the bottom of the sixth to make it a 5-2 count.

The score remained unchanged in the last inning and Natibu absorbed its first loss of the season after its first three batters at the top of the seventh inning were thrown out.

Ur Balls 11, San Roque 0

In the third game of the night, Ur Balls shut out San Roque, 11-0.

Ur Balls improved to an 11-5 record for sixth place, while San Roque dropped to a 9-5 slate for eighth spot.

Ur Balls got off to a good start scoring four and three runs in the first and second inning, respectively, to dictate the tempo of the game. They went cold in the next three innings before recovering in the fourth behind Joshua Arriola's three-run round-tripper and Joe Lizama's solo homer.

San Roque had its best chance to score in the first inning when leadoff batter E.J. Tenorio made it to third. However, with two outs and runners on first and third, fourth batter Manny Tenorio flied out. In the remaining five innings, no San Roque runner went farther than first base.

Hitz 16, 6-Pack 11

In the first game, Kyle Kaipat went 4-for-5 at the plate and tallied four RBIs to lift Hitz to a 16-11 win over 6-Pack.

Hitz gained its eighth win in 15 games, while 6-Pack absorbed its eighth loss in 15 matches.

Trailing after four complete innings, 4-6, Hitz leaned on a sevenrun top of the fifth to grab the lead. Frank Ito hit a two-run double and Lee Monkeya blasted a two-run single in that scoring spree to help Hitz recover. Kyle and Jun Kaipat, Dennis and Manny Cabrera, and Ruben Olkeriil contributed one RBIs each in the rally.

Meanwhile, the second game of the night was forfeited in favor of SaiPal due to an no-show from Lancheros.

Savellano, Ito win mixed doubles debut

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The tandem of Jojo Savellano and Angie Ito led the opening day winners in the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition on Saturday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

Ito and Savellano were paired against the team of Noli and Marlene Peraja, Aries Cor-Santos and Annarose Omori

and needed three sets to prevail in their debut game in the mixed doubles

division of the IT&E-sponsored tournament.

A close 23-21 win in the opening set moved Savellano and Ito a set away from wrapping up the match in the mixed doubles B, but Santos and Omori extended the game with a 21-15 triumph in the second set. The third set was another nip-and-tuck game with Savellano and Ito prevailing by only two points, 21-19, to win their first match.

Other pairs who were victorious in the kick-off of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association-organized tournament were Rob Harrell and Toshiko Obata, Chris Hilaro and Annette Ta, Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi, Rey Bulaon and Shirley Kim, Roger Vales and Malou Malasarte Rodwealth Espana dero and Cheng Saturno, and

Edwin Maratas and Emily Vargas. Vales and Mala-

sarte are entered in the mixed doubles B and were forced to play three sets before downing Jorge Olanda and Kim, 19-21, 21-6, 21-14.

Cordero and Saturno are also in the mixed doubles B group and won over Ezekiel Macario and Gigi Zapanta, 21-12, 20-21, 21-19. The two other mixed doubles B division games had Espana and Peraja sweeping Victor Regis and Cristy Villaflor, 21-18, 21-14 and Maratas and Vargas



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Jojo Savellano hits a volley during his and teammate Angie Ito's game against Noli Santos and Anna Rose Omori in the mixed doubles B division of the 2010 IT&E Sinales/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition on Saturday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

beating Obet Aguilar and Lani Bartolome, 21-15, 25-23.

In the mixed doubles C, Harrell and Obata needed only two sets to thwart Kanata Omori and Elna Curate, 21-14, 21-15, while Hilario and Ta recovered from an opening set loss, 18-21, to slip past Manatsu Omori and Annette Oujambao 23-21 21-10

In the mixed doubles A, only two games were played in the opening day with Guintu and Choi winning over Gary Bandoja and Anna Rose Omori, 21-19, 23-21, and Rey Bulaon and Kim topping Andreau Galvez and Loida Ito, 19-21, 21-18, 21-15.

In the centerpiece men's singles A division, Macoi Aguda swept Hapi Gabriel, 21-12, 21-15.

Posting a similar straight set victory in the women's singles B was Ito, who defeated Jaja Samonte, 21-5, 21-6. The third singles game in the opening day saw Santos squeezing out a 21-19, 19-21, 21-9 triumph over Maratas in their men's singles B duel.





Lefty claims his third green jacket

By PAUL NEWBERRY AP NATIONAL WRITER

UGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—As Phil Mickelson strolled up to the 18th green, his third green jacket locked up, he wondered if his wife would be waiting for him.

She'd been there the first two times he won the Masters, but he would've understood if she decided to skip this victory celebration.

Yet there she was, waiting with an embrace they'll remember for a lifetime.

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"I normally don't shed tears over wins," Mickelson said, his eyes watering. "When Amy and I hugged off 18, that was a very emotional moment for us. I'll cherish every moment of this week."

Eleven months ago, Amy Mickelson was diagnosed with breast cancer. While the prognosis is good, she's worn down physically. It's tough to get out among the crowds at a place

such as Augusta National.

"She didn't feel well and she doesn't have energy," her husband said. "To have her here and share this moment and share the joy of winning on 18, and to share this with my kids, is something that we'll look back on the rest of our lives.'

Phil Mickelson talks to his wife Amy after winning the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., Sunday, April 11, 2010.

So, a tournament that started with the focus on a guy who committed serial adultery, ended with a victory celebration that was much more family friendly.

This has been a trying year for Mickelson, who not only dealt with his wife's illness, but his mother's, too. She also is battling breast cancer. Not surprising that he's been distracted from the game he plays for a living.

Lefty arrived at Augusta National without a top five finish all year. But he's always felt as comfortable at this course as any other, winning his first major here in 2004, then another two years later. When his family arrived—Amy, their three kids and his mother-Mickelson

knew this might be the week he started playing like himself again. He opened with a 5-under 67. He closed with two more 67s on the weekend. Mickelson played with that same bravado and confidence that has always been his

trademark—and often his undoing.

By TIM DAHLBERG AP Sports Columnist

Mickelson's emotional win a win for golf, too

celebrates on the 18th green after

winning the Masters golf tourna-

ment in Augusta,

Ga., Sunday,

April 11, 2010.

hil Mickelson was doing his best not to cry again as he slipped on another green jacket and tried to put into words things that he couldn't possibly put into words.

He had already shed a tear on the 18th green, though he wasn't alone. Anyone who knew the story had to shed a few, too, as Mickelson latched onto the tiny blonde woman who had been through so much and shared an embrace that neither seemed willing to end.

He had struggled on the golf course all year, but that meant nothing. Not compared to the struggles Amy Mickelson went through while battling breast cancer.

There would be plenty of time later to talk about the shot that will live in Masters lore, plenty of time to reflect on what a third title means to his career. As the fading sun added some drama to the victory ceremony on the practice putting green, though, Mickelson wanted to talk about something closer to his heart—his wife.

"We've been through a lot this year; it means a lot to share some joy together," he said. "She's an incredible wife, an incredible mother. She's been an inspiration for me this past year, seeing what she's been through."

It couldn't have been more sincere. It could hardly have been more appropriate.

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The sting of losing was never sharper for Tiger

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—The question hanging over the Masters all week was straightforward: Could Tiger Woods change?

The short answer: He can't. Or won't

A fourth-place finish at Augusta National would be the highlight of a career for some guys, and a mild disappointment for others. Woods is not one of them. It pained him every time he failed to win long before his SUV went pin-balling down the driveway and deposited him at the punchline of latenight TV jokes for five solid months. If anything, losing this tournament stung more than all the previous setbacks here rolled into one.

Woods walked off the 18th green Sunday with a final-round 69 and 279 total, seven strokes on the wrong side of rival Phil Mickelson's winning 272.



Tiger Woods tips his cap on the 18th green after finishing his final round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., Sunday, April 11, 2010.

rounds under par at the Masters—a five hours. Woods angrily ticked off a tournament he's won four times—and litany of shots that hadn't come off the walked away without a green jacket.

"I only enter events to win," he said, "and I didn't get it done."

Gone was much of the grace he displayed in losing before, replaced by a distant stare and an emotional state that can be best described as mechanical. Someone asked whether the attempt to control his temperament had extracted too big a toll.

"I think people are making way too much of a big deal of this thing," he replied. "I was not feeling too good."

Woods was talking about his comfort level on the golf course, but his eyes were smoldering. Controlling his emotions at that moment appeared to be every bit as difficult as during the roller-coaster, birdie-and-bogey-filled ad-

It marked the first time Woods shot four venture he'd endured for the previous way he planned—"snipes ... quacks ... cuts"—beginning with his opening tee shot on a sparkling Sunday afternoon that once held so much promise.

"I don't know how people think you can be happy about that," Woods said finally. "These are not things I normally do. So I'm not going to be smiling and not going to be happy."

At that point, Woods left us to wonder whether the sullen face he turned to the world mirrored how he felt inside.

He never had more eyeballs trained on him than when he pulled the driver back for his first tee shot on Thursday. He sent that rocketing long and true down the first fairway. When he papered over three bogeys with a birdie

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